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Mr. Lambert goes to Lansing Joins rally to save state revenue sharing

Revenue sharing if the Governor's veto were to stand.

"The city of Romulus would have suffered had not Governor Engler's dangerously cynical veto been overridden," said Lambert. "I am of the opinion that had the veto stood, a number of communities would have gone into receivership and a great many hard working citizens would have been made to pay the cost of that decision through loss of employment and loss of vital city-provided services."

Lambert attended a rally in Lansing last Tuesday, August 13 to join forces with over 4,000 elected officials, police officers, firefighters, teachers, and others to show their disapproval and voice concern over the

cuts and what it would mean to their communities.

Attending the rally with Lambert; Chief Charles Kirby, Fire Chief Dave Allison, Finance Department Director Debbie Hoffman, and Economic Development Director Tim Keyes. "Tuesday's rally truly proved that we are a federal, state, and local government of, by and for the people. Members of the State House and the Senate heard the voice of the people and the response was an overwhelming override of Governor Engler's attempt to withhold money that the citizens of this great state have earned the right to," said Lambert.

The house did override the veto later that afternoon on a vote of 105-1. The Senate voted 36-1 to do the same.



Romulus Mayor Alan Lambert urged the Governor to reconsider his veto on state revenue sharing last Tuesday in Lansing.

News in Briefs

Former Romulus administrator dies

William E. McDonald, retired assistant superintendent of Romulus Public schools, died from lung cancer Saturday, August 10, at his South Lyon home. He was 71.

McDonald, a former Vice Principal of Romulus High School earned his Bachelor's degree at Michigan State University. He also attended Tennessee Technological University and Morningside College in Iowa.

After retiring, McDonald was a volunteer counselor for Alcoholics Anonymous and the Maxey Boys Training School in Hamburg.

St. Aloysius festival to have rides, music

The St. Aloysius parish in Romulus will hold its annual festival Aug. 23-25, featuring rides, a Las Vegas tent, a white elephant sale and a polka. Mass at 11 a.m. Sunday. Hours are 6 p.m. to midnight August 23, 1 p.m. to midnight August 24, and 1-9 p.m. August 25. Polka entertainers Duane Malinowski and the Misty Blues will perform on Sunday.

The church is at Goddard and Neville. Call 734-941-5056 for more information.

Clean Water Act to affect Romulus in near future

Mayor Alan Lambert and the Romulus City council are preparing for future requirements of the Clean Water Act of 1972. The City will be required to clean up all storm drains in the compliance with the act to avoid possible court litigation under water drain regulations.

In a report given presented to council by Evan Pratt, the Mayor and council have been made aware of what will be required by the city to meet regulations. A study will have to be performed to indicate where potential problems exist, what drains will need attention, and storm drain capacity reports will be taken.

We want to hear from you!

Romulus residents who wish to have letters to the readers published can send them to BrendaGracin@aol.com if they have access to a computer. They can also be sent Michigan Community Newspapers to the care of BrendaGracin, Romulus Roman. Sound offs can be submitted also, which in turn will be given to the sound off editor.

Topics can be about issues concerning Romulus residents, upcoming events, or community news.

Liberty sent back to planning

Kevin Shay of Liberty Trust intended to ask the Romulus City council to override the planning commission's recommendation of denial for a proposed rezoning. The property in question is located on Ecorse Road.

The commission recommended denial based on Master Plan zoning requirements indicating the area as M-1 zoning. The building that Liberty plans to put up would fall well outside of that zoning requirement in square footage.

The commission also believes that Ecorse Road is becoming an image road for the City of Romulus, and believes a huge building would have a negative impact on that image.

Council has asked Shay to go back to the commission due to possible miscommunication by the planning department before seeking their approval.

Romulus Council Meeting Monday

Council will meet at Romulus City Hall, Monday, Aug 26, 7:30p.m. for its regularly scheduled council meeting. The public is encouraged to attend.



Jet flying over the home of Leo Zbikowski. His home did not qualify for the Wayne County Noise Mitigation program. "When these planes go over, our whole body vibrates," said Zbikowski. Traffic increased over Zbikowski's home when new runways went in recently.

Airport noise program draws critics Residents unhappy with program progress

By BRENDA GRACIN
MCN Staff Writer

Residents unhappy with Wayne County's Noise Compatibility Program attended last Monday's Romulus Council meeting to be heard.

On hand to give a report on the program progress to date; Scott Roberts, program director.

Homeowners in Romulus were introduced to the county program nearly ten years ago in order to help drown out some of the noise from airplanes flying over their homes in and out of Detroit Metro Airport. Federal guidelines allowed the county to establish a program to benefit homeowners in areas where potential noise impacts would affect residents in their day-to-day lives.

Studies were conducted to identify where state and federal noise standards were being exceeded, and a plan was presented to soundproof homes within those areas.

The county has spent more than \$54 million, although nearly 80% of that is from the Federal Aviation Administration. The plan would offer relocation, property acquisition and soundproofing of existing homes.

More than 500 homes have been soundproofed, with an additional 204 parcels of land or homes having been purchased by the county.

Roberts in his report indicated that the program is progressing nicely with 23 homes not yet completed, and an additional 30 that have not yet closed. "We are trying to put the program to bed," said Roberts. One glitch has become apparent in the past week in which homeowners have received a Notice of Furnishing from a contractor hired by the county to provide the soundproofing.

The contractor contends that the county has not paid their bill, forcing him to give notice to homeowners that they may place a lien on their homes to force payment. However, Roberts told the council that the contractor has been paid and homeowners will not have to come up with the money in order to avoid a lien.

In response to the Notice of Furnishing Roberts told council, "It is an inflammatory and misleading letter. It implied that homeowners might

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have to take legal action or pay some unpaid bills," said Roberts. Charles Miller, council member was visibly concerned because homeowners have contacted him about the letter. "Do these letters have impact on them being able to complete home loans or mortgages," asked Miller?

Roberts assured the council that the Notice of Furnishing has not been filed with the county so it has not become a lien. "We have a full unconditional waiver of lien," said Roberts. "Should he try to file a lien, he will be reminded of that."

Miller then responded asking Roberts if Wayne County had bonded the issue out assuring homeowners there will be no charge to them. Roberts affirmed that was the case. He also told council that if the contractor tries to place a lien on the homes the county will take legal action against him. "The program has paid the contractor within the guidelines established," said Roberts.

The Notice of Furnishing wasn't the only issue concerning residents involved in the program. Larry McCraight, Romulus School Board President spoke on behalf of residents on Taft Street near the airport. Addressing council and the Mayor, McCraight told of elderly residents who have become prisoners in their own homes. "They are doing terrible," said McCraight. "They are not doing the job they said they would do. We are captives in our own homes. We can't go out into our yards and enjoy them."

McCraight also talked about homes that were bought to be demolished but still stand. "They moved the people out across the street, bought the house because of all the black mold, promised to demolish it, and it is still standing," he said. "They made our neighborhood absolute trash."

Imploring council to hear the concerns of the residents, McCraight told them, "You are all sitting there saying,

we know, we know, but we need your help because we are really getting the shaft over there."

McCraight has had many problems with the contractors working on his home. He demanded recently that they remove the plastic tubing they put underneath his house to replace the heat vents. As of yet, they haven't done it. "They should have come through and bought out the entire neighborhood," said McCraight. "I haven't talked to anyone who is satisfied yet."

Roberts did indicate to the council that a survey conducted by the county asking homeowners if they were happy with the program has yet to be completed, with many homeowners either not answering the survey or refusing to participate. Some homeowners have indicated they are satisfied. The program has installed new windows, doors, air conditioning, siding, heating and in some cases, roofing in order to assure less aircraft noise within the home.

"There is a problem that is facing us in this town," said William Wadsworth, council member. "The new south runway is pelting those people with 747's, going 500 feet above them. The county commission is going to have to do something about that, there's no ifs, ands, or buts about it," he said.

Some residents did attend Monday's meetings with pictures to show the council. Many show airplanes flying just above the homes. Those residents were not eligible for the soundproofing project according to the county.

Leo Zbikowski, lifelong Romulus resident, and homeowner on Harrison in Romulus, brought pictures of aircrafts passing just over his home. "We can stand there and feel our whole entire body vibrate," said Zbikowski. His home is located near the new East and West runway. Residents complain that the noise is overpowering, and that the planes leave a residue on their homes.

The program, which had stalled when the AG's office wanted to investigate contracting complaints, and when the county had to relieve contractors due to those complaints is expected to be finished in the very near future. "We are assisting all homeowners in getting their homes taken care of," said Roberts.



Board of Education President William McCraight, Vice-President Betty Lenassi, and secretary Cheryle Buckley welcome new Romulus teachers to the district.

Mayor volunteers to be "dunked" Lambert and city council members agree to take a dip

Could be some bets taking place around Romulus on who will have the longest line to be dropped into the St. Aloysius dunk tank this coming weekend.

The annual festival held at the school each summer will feature family fun, entertainment, rides, and of course, the dunk tank.

Julie Wadsworth attended last Monday's Romulus Council meeting and kindly asked the Mayor and council members to volunteer for the dunk tank that will be "manned" throughout the three-day weekend festival.

Lambert was the first to speak up volunteering to sit on the hot seat while festival goers take a chance at "dunking the Mayor." Council members spoke up one by one, quickly filling in the schedule so residents will

have a veritable menu of who's who in Romulus politics to choose from come this weekend.

This paper will be on hand to take pictures so residents can find out who drew the longest line at the festival.

The lineup will be as follows: Saturday, 2-3 p.m., Alan Lambert, Mayor of Romulus, 3-4 p.m., William Crova, Romulus City Council member, 4-5 p.m., Ed Boike, Wayne County Commissioner, 5-6, Randy Gear, Romulus City Council member, 6-7, Bill Wadsworth, Romulus City Council member. Sunday, 3-4 p.m., Michael Prybly, Romulus Council member, 4-5 p.m. Leroy Burcoff, Romulus City Council member.

The festival will be located at St. Aloysius Catholic School, 37200 Neville Road, Romulus.

Teen accused of animal mutilation pleads guilty 16 year old will face juvenile rehabilitation

By BRENDA GRACIN
MCN Staff Writer

The teen charged with last year's acts of animal mutilation, in which he dismembered a stray dog and placed a head in a toilet bowl, and an eye in the drinking fountain at Romulus High, has pled guilty in juvenile court.

Police say Anthony Molic, age 16 was arrested and charged in the incident, after an investigation revealed that the very troubled youth was responsible for mutilating the dog and placing the parts within the school.

As part of his sentencing agreement, Molic will have to take part

in a juvenile rehabilitation program. If he fails to complete the program, there is a possibility of adult sentence according to the judge's order.

Teachers at Romulus High suspected Molic immediately when the investigation began. Reports of violent tendencies depicted in graphic drawings and writings, along with past behavior problems indicated to some teachers and counselors that the youth could very well be the one responsible for the incident.

Molic confessed to investigators in early March that he had killed the stray dog in a field behind the school.

He was charged with animal cruelty, and animal torture.

NEWS FROM THE CITY OF INKSTER

Local children may qualify for free health insurance

Some parents are unaware of such programs as MICHild, Healthy Kids

By DR. TERREL M. LeCESNE
Special to MCN

Imagine a place where children are unable to get immunizations, see a doctor, or get the medicine they need. You are probably thinking of a backwoods or banana republic country, right? Well, believe it or not I'm talking about right here in Inkster,

and Michigan as a whole. Right here, many of our children live without health insurance needlessly.

The fact is that most, if not all, are eligible for low cost or free health care coverage offered through MICHild and Healthy Kids. When children are enrolled in MICHild they receive coverage for well-child visits, immunizations, hearing and vision screening,

dental care, primary care and specialty physician services, inpatient and outpatient services, mental health and substance abuse services, emergency care, and prescriptions.

Sounds too good to be true? Well, it isn't. But getting the message out is, because many parents do not believe that these plans are intended for families like theirs. In fact, this is es-

pecially true of working couples, who believe their combined incomes are too high.

These parents would be surprised to learn that MICHild and Healthy Kids, in fact, were created especially for them, working families, who are working hard to care for their children; oft times struggling to make ends meet. Children may be eligible

for MICHild and Healthy Kids, even when one or both parents are working full time.

The challenge has been to break through the barrier of misunderstanding and misinformation. Uninsured children in a family of four earning up to \$32,000 a year or more may qualify for the coverage offered by MICHild and Healthy Kids. Eligibility is based on family size and household income. During the next few weeks, as the opening of schools approaches, the Covering Michigan's Kids and Families Steering Committee will kick off the MICHild / Healthy Kids 2002 Back-to-School Enrollment Drive, reaching out to families at schools, public health offices, churches, and other locations throughout the area to let people know about the availability of this low-cost or free health care coverage.

Each citizen can work as a committee-of-one to help get this message out by speaking up and alerting families—our neighbors, co-workers, friends, and relatives—about this

valuable opportunity to get health care coverage for children. Without health insurance, many of our children face obstacles and stresses that their insured peers do not, at home and at school. The fact is, a lack of health insurance can have a serious impact on a child's health, especially in school.

According to the American College of Physicians, uninsured children are less likely to receive proper medical care for sore throats, ear infections, asthma, and vision problems, conditions that can impact school attendance and classroom performance. Let's help make sure that our kids have the health care coverage they deserve.

Families who would like to find out if their children qualify for MICHild and Healthy Kids can call 1-888-988-6300 or go to <www.michigan.gov/mdch>. For more information, or to become involved in Michigan's Back-to-School 2002 Campaign, contact Ann McMillan, project coordinator, at 517-347-7964.

Cruisers attract 51 cars

There may have been a conflict between the Inkster Summerfest and Second Annual Inkster Cruiser Car Show dates, which were staged on the same day, but there was apparently enough pre-event publicity about the car show to attract 50 historic vehicles and Cruiser car owners.

The second annual car show and Summerfest were staged in July. The cars went on display at the Booker T. Dozier Community Center, while Summerfest was held on the grounds of the Floyd B. Simmons Center.

"The show was a success," said George Thompson, Jr., who was the car show's coordinator. "The Cruiser has attracted a loyal group of followers, and historically, this city and the state have had a love affair with cars."

Thompson also pointed out that there was a large variety of vehicles on display this year, and he predicts that the third annual affair will be even bigger."

Thompson said that 51 car owners were represented at the 2002 show and trophies were awarded in seven car and truck divisions. All the proceeds from the program are donated to youth programs and scholarships in the City of Inkster.



George Thompson, Jr. (above, at left) the coordinator of the Inkster Cruiser Car Show, presents Don Bradley, who represented brother, James Bradley, of Pontiac of Ann Arbor, with a plaque for the auto dealer's contributions to the success of the annual show. Also pictured above are James Owens, James Colley, a member of the Inkster Recreation Commission, and Percy Channey, president of the Inkster Cruiser Car Club. At the right is a Cruiser, one of the 51 that were on display.



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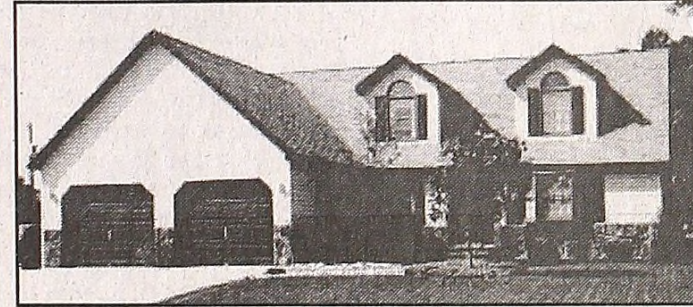
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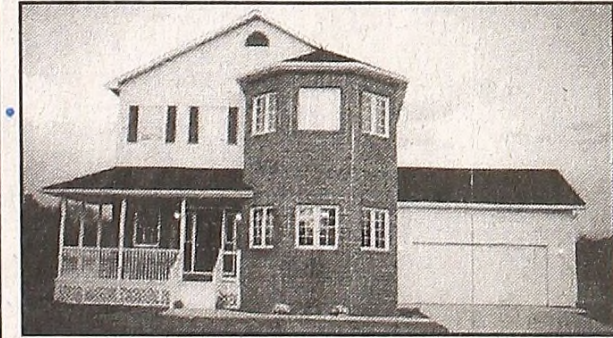


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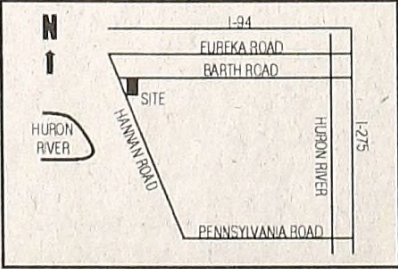
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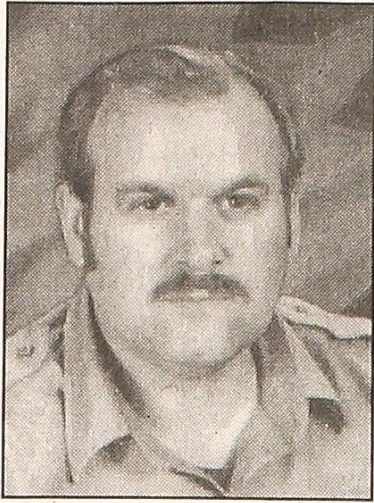
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NEWS FROM THE CITY OF WAYNE

Window on Wayne

By RICHARD L. STORY
Wayne Historian



Richard L. Story

We take the United States Postal Service for granted today. Many do not use it as it has been used in the past. Long before electronic mail and telephones, mail was the way that people kept in touch with family and friends across the miles. It was the means to send packages and order many items not available readily in local stores.

In 1827 the first post office came to this area in Bucklin Township, in the hamlet of Schwarzburg on Schwarzburg Road (now Wayne Road) and Ann Arbor Trail. Three years later the township was renamed Nankin, but the post office kept the name of Schwarzburg. The mail came from Detroit to Schwarzburg once a week via Michigan Avenue to Dearborn to Ann Arbor Trail to Schwarzburg and on to the City of Ann Arbor, a mail route of 42 miles. It took between 14 and 18 hours to complete.

(In 1827 a letter traveling 400 miles required 40-cents, which was paid by the recipient. Envelopes were not used in those days; the message was written on one side of the paper, the paper was folded and addressed on the blank side.)

Nankin Township was divided into Nankin Township and Livonia Township in 1835. The post office in Schwarzburg was then in Livonia and Nankin needed a post office of its own. At that time the most populated area of Nankin Township was in South Nankin, also called Derby's Corners. It was in 1838 that the Michigan Central Railroad came to Derby's Corners, but they didn't call it by its name. The railroad named the stops as they chose and they

chose to call the stop in Derby's Corners "Wayne". Since there was never a plat by the name of South Nankin nor Derby's Corners, and since the railroad named the stop Wayne, the postal service followed suit and the new post office was officially called "Wayne."

(By the way, a most unusual event took place in 1845, the post office lowered the cost of postage to five-cents for a letter that traveled 300 miles!)

In 1835 the most convenient place in Derby's Corners to locate the post office was in Mr. Derby's store, with Mr. Derby serving as postmaster. In 1847 Mr. Derby moved to Canton Township and sold his store to Mr. Clark. It was also in 1847 that the post office started to use stamps. In 1852 Mr. I. D. Bunting took over the Clark store and served two terms as postmaster. When Mr. John J. Wright became the postmaster in Wayne, he moved the post office to his store, next to the railroad, where it remained until 1866. Then Mr. Jerry O'Connor became post master and moved the post office to the O'Connor block on Michigan Avenue.

When Mr. Oliver C. Abll was postmaster, he moved the post office to Newberry and Norris Streets. Mr. Charles T. Barnard moved the post office to his variety store in the triangle on the east side of Monroe Street, between Biddle and Norris Streets when he became postmaster.

Continued next week

Wheelfest returns to Wayne tonight

Mitch Ryder, entertainment, contests and good food on menu

What better way to celebrate the summer and usher in a new school year than with a festival?

The popular and expanded Wayne Wheelfest returns to the City of Wayne beginning on Thursday with all of its frills and thrills, pomp and circumstance.

The stage for the gala four-day event is Goudy Park (behind City Hall on Wayne Road), and among the highlights are the Wheelfest Parade, stage appearances by the timeless Mitch Ryder and the Detroit Wheels, Rare Earth, the Pocket Full of Groove and Linda Lou's Lucky 4, along with Mustang Sally and the Art-Of-Fact Band.

And don't forget the Carnival of Mid America Shows, the Soap Box Derby and the impetus behind this Wheelfest - the Classic Car Show, which will be on display at Second Avenue.

Keeping with a theme that the Wheelfest has something for all age groups, this year's Wheelfest also will feature:

- * Over 35 non-profit groups, businesses and individuals in the vendor areas;

- * Over 35 entries and 200 people in the parade, which will be conducted on Friday, Aug. 23, at 6 p.m. The parade will begin at the First Baptist Church, proceed east on Glenwood to Wayne Road, south on Wayne Road to Sim Avenue. Residents also are reminded that Wayne Road will be closed to

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vehicular traffic from 6 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. on Aug. 23;

- * The Wayne Historical Society, in conjunction with the Wayne Community Development Department, will hold its inaugural Historical Photo Sale during the Wheelfest weekend. The photos will be on display and for sale from noon to 10 p.m. on Aug. 24 and Sunday, Aug. 25. The Historical Museum booth will be located in Goudy Park and the historical photos will be available for \$10 each.

- * Over 50 children showing off their individual talents in the Talent Show, Family Entertainment Tent, and a Lip Sync Showcase;

- * The new Family Entertainment Tent will also feature 16 shows, demonstrations and programs;

- * Over 30 entries in the Soap Box Derby, a race that is scheduled to begin on Saturday, Aug. 24.

- * Members of the First United Methodist Church of Wayne are

offering worship opportunities at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, Aug. 24, at the church, located one block west of Wayne Road, between

east and westbound Michigan Avenue, across from the Wayne Post Office. If you need further information, please call 734-721-4801.

Police Chief Mike Sumeracki also reminds residents and visitors to the city that Wheelfest is a time to enjoy the many events and programs that are being offered. But he also cautioned those who would exploit the activities and violate the laws that there would be increased law enforcement officers on the streets during the four-day festival.

Schedule of Events

Here are a selected few of the highlights of the 2002 Wayne Wheelfest which will be staged in Goudy Park, behind City Hall on Wayne Road, August 22 through August 25:

Thursday, Aug. 22
6:15 p.m. Talent Show
8:30 p.m. Art-Of-Fact Band

and Preview Show
9:30 p.m. Mitt Ryder

Friday, Aug. 23
6:00 p.m. The Great Wheelfest Parade
7:00 p.m. Pocket Full of Groove
9:30 p.m. Mustang Sally (Country Music)

Sunday, Aug. 25
9:00 a.m. Classic Car Show
10:30 p.m. First United Methodist Church Service
1:00 p.m. Teen Showcase featuring Branded
7:00 p.m. Jerry Reid
8:00 p.m. Linda Lou's Lucky 4 Band

Saturday, August 24
9:00 a.m. Soap Box Derby
7:00 p.m. Rare Earth
7:30 p.m. Classic Car Cruise

Have a Great and Safe Time!

Music major hits high notes at Berklee College

A Wayne resident majoring in music at Boston's prestigious Berklee College is not only hitting the high notes but also receiving top grades in the College of Music.

Caitlin Darfler was named recently to the Dean's List at the college.

Darfler is known by music lovers and Wayne residents for her performances locally and in the First Night Celebration as well at several of the Goudy Park Concerts. The

concerts are sponsored annually by the Wayne Parks and Recreation Department.

She was also a winner of the "Be A Star Talent" competition staged in 1997. At the time she was only 14.

Caitlin graduated from Wayne Memorial High School, Cum Laude, in June of 2001. When she comes home for the holiday break in December, Caitlin will have completed two years of her college study.



Caitlin Darfler

Arts & Crafts

The Wayne Senior Activity Center is sponsoring a Fall Arts & Crafts Show on Oct. 19 at its facility, located at 35000 Sims Avenue.

The show will begin at 10 a.m. and end at 5 p.m.

Crafters are invited to rent an 8-foot table for \$25. Officials stress that tables will be made available on a first come, first serve basis.

To accommodate crafters and patrons, the Wayne Golden Hour Club will be selling refreshments.

Call Lucy at 734-721-7460 for further information.

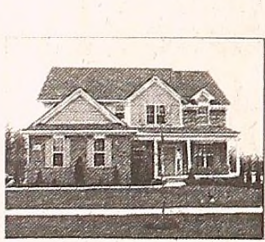
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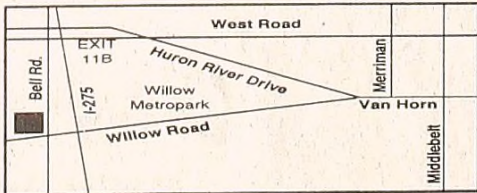
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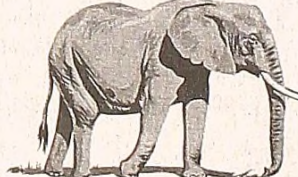


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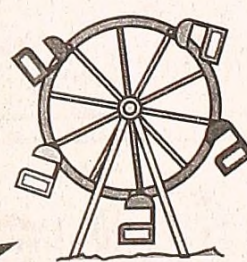


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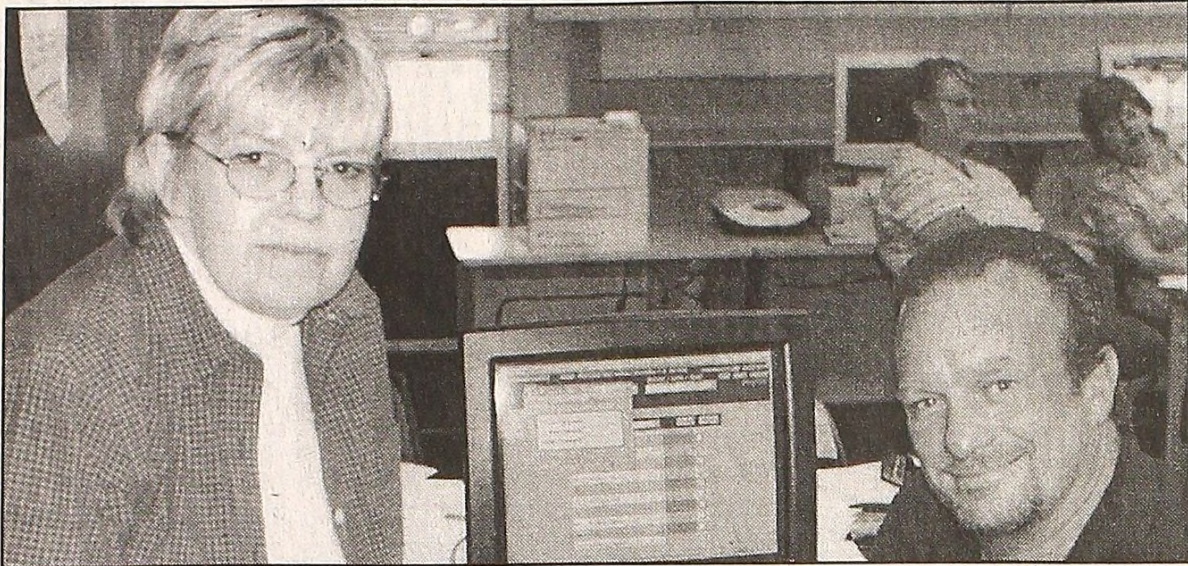
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NEWS FROM THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE AND ROMULUS



It's ZANGLE time! Linda Cook, RMS Technology Coordinator and Jeff Randolph, WCRESA Consultant present the new computer system that will be operating in Romulus schools this year. The new software system will enable teachers to record attendance and keep track of student performance and grades.

Sumpter youth bound over

By BRENDA GRACIN
MCN Staff Writer

What should have been a routine arrest turned violent, injuring a Sumpter Township police officer on August 2.

Officer Mike Lang, member of the K-9 patrol unit of the township was called to the Rawsonville Woods mobile home park due to a report of alcohol poisoning. Johnathon Cruze, age 17, had been drinking to the point that his mother became concerned and called police.

Upon arriving at the scene, Lang found Cruze wandering down Rawsonville Road impeding traffic. Pulling over, Lang attempted to talk with Cruze, eventually giving him a field Breathalyzer test that registered a .26. At

“I wasn’t going to risk my dog,” said Lang.”

Officer Michael Lang, Sumpter PD

that time Lang attempted to arrest Cruze for minor consuming.

According to the official report, Cruze went on a rampage when Lang attempted to handcuff him. Cursing the officer and banging on the hood of the patrol unit, Cruze managed to hit Lang in the back of the head several times with the handcuffs, eventually able to break free and run away. Lang pursued using his radio to alert

headquarters as to the situation.

Calling for backup, Lang continued to pursue Cruze. Although his partner Jag was confined in the K-9 unit, Lang resisted releasing him due to the flow of traffic along Rawsonville Road fearing the dog would be injured if he emerged in front of an oncoming car. “I wasn’t going to risk my dog,” said Lang.

Lang again called for backup, discovering that his prep radio was not operating properly. Dispatch explained to Lang that they could not pick up his call, that transmission was garbled. After several attempts, Lang was able to get through to dispatch and give them his location. Corporal Eric Luke arrived on the scene to assist Lang arresting Cruze after residents alerted the officers to the youth’s presence in the mobile home park.

Cruze was bound over by Judge William Szlinis on resisting charges. Released on \$10,000 personal bond, Cruze will stand trial in the Wayne County Criminal Courts

Gorton Murder Trial Begins

Although it has been over 10 years, Nancy Ludwig’s family may finally have a little justice.

After years of investigations, DNA led police to Jeffrey Gorton, age 39. A combined investigation by the Flint and Romulus Police Departments led to the eventual arrest and charges of murder against Gorton in two cases, Ludwig’s, and that of Margaret Eby, a University of Michigan professor from Flint.

A preliminary exam in the courtroom of Judge Brian Oakley, 34th District Court revealed testimony accusing Gorton of raping Ludwig, and then slashing her throat. Forensic and DNA tests also offered evidence linking Gorton with that brutal murder. DNA evidence found at the Eby crime scene was analyzed by the Michigan State Police Crime Laboratory, and placed into a FBI database. The FBI, matching the fingerprint of Gorton from an earlier conviction, analyzed a fingerprint retrieved from the Eby crime scene last year.

Romulus police Lt. Dan Snyder participated in the ten year investigation, never giving up after having promised Arthur Ludwig they would find his wife’s killer. Attending Monday’s jury selection, Snyder will be on hand to give testimony as to the Romulus investigation. According to Snyder, approximately 30 witnesses will testify. Most of them are expected to be investigators, forensic, and DNA experts..



Romulus High teacher Carmen Lawes returns from chaperoning students at summer leadership camp in Fenton. Students Rhiannon Crawford, Shmara Hill, Jessica Workman and Shannon Kowalski attended the camp. The camp is designed to help organize and facilitate student groups and organizations. Romulus High School offers the camp each year to students who participate in student government and other extra-curricular activities. The girls will be prepared to apply what they learn when school opens next week

Eureka, it’s finished!

Road project finally complete

By BRENDA GRACIN
MCN Staff Writer

Residents who have battled the noise, congestion, and complete frustration of the Eureka road project will be delighted to hear that it is finished. The most amazing part of the story, the project came in two months early, a miracle by any Michigan road repair standard.

The county began repairs on Eureka road in April. It was expected that residents would have to wait until October for the new road to be opened. What was once a two-lane road is now a five-lane road complete with a left turn lane. The county considered the projects proximity to Metro Airport and the new Midfield Terminal while undertaking the paving project.

Just when motorists breathe a sigh of relief, one little notice. The county does admit there may be an occasional lane closure as clean up continues along Eureka Road.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
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The Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Trustees will hold a Public Hearing in conjunction with the Regular Board meeting on Tuesday, September 3, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room at Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 to consider the request for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate in existing Industrial Development District #12 pursuant to Act 198, Michigan Public Acts of 1974, as amended for Daikin Clutch Corporation, 8601 Haggerty Road, Van Buren Township, Wayne County, Michigan. Following is the described parcel:

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Written comments may be forwarded to the Township Clerk, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111. The exact legal descriptions are available for public review at the township offices during regular business hours.

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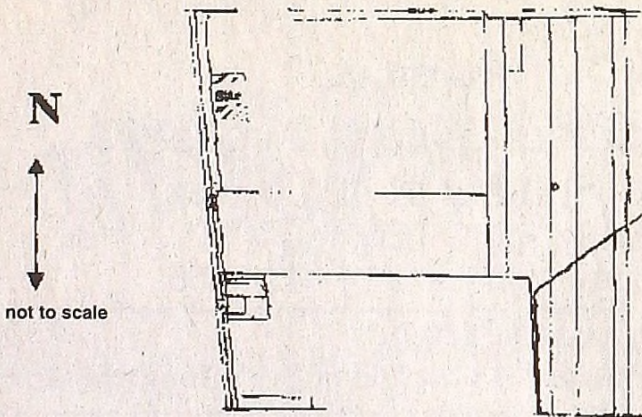
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday September 3, 2002 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, Michigan 48111.

This Public Hearing relates to approximately 1.97 acres, parcel numbers V125-83-058-99-0006-708, located on the east side of Belleville Road, south of Tyler Road and north of the I-94 Expressway in a Meijer outlet.

A map indicating the location of the subject site is included below.



The subject site is zoned C-1 (General Business).

The applicant is requesting special use approval to construct 6,000 square foot, one story bank with six drive-through tellers which is permitted in the current zoning district with special use approval per section 12.03 of the Zoning Ordinance.

Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 pm. on the hearing date. In the spirit of compliance with the American with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

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Belleville / Romulus News

Belleville man arrested in brutal Ann Arbor murder

Residents shocked as police take Boldiszar into custody.

By BRENDA GRACIN
MCN Staff Writer

Eric John Boldiszar, age 19, of Belleville has been arrested for the murder of Lee Ann Anderton, age 30. Boldiszar and Anderton were both employees of Blockbuster Video on Jackson Street in Ann Arbor. Boldiszar had only recently been promoted to assistant manager of that store.

At some time between 9:00 a.m. and 9:50 a.m. August 12, Anderton, an assistant manager at the store, was murdered when her throat was slit after being hit in the head. The video store would not have been opened for business at that time. Police believe that customers returning videotapes during the murder were unaware of what was taking place inside at the time. A customer returning videos shortly thereafter discovered her body. An-

derton had worked at that location for two months.

Ann Arbor police were called to the scene at which time they took surveillance video from nearby businesses to determine whether someone could be seen entering the store, perhaps filming the killer before they entered the business. "Nothing will be left uncovered until the suspect is arrested," said Sergeant Mike Logghe in a released statement.

During questioning of some of the eight employees that worked at that particular Blockbuster store on the Tuesday following the murder, police noticed a scratch on Boldiszar's face. Police didn't believe that Boldiszar's answers as to that scratch and other questions, added up. On Wednesday they questioned Boldiszar further discovering that his alibi couldn't be confirmed. Thursday, Ann Arbor police arrest-

ed Boldiszar for the crime.

They believe that on the day of the murder Boldiszar came to the store early hoping to enter while Anderton was out making a bank deposit. Having access to the security system in the store, Boldiszar was able to gain entry easily. Having parked in a lot behind the store, Boldiszar walked up the stairs and around to the front of the store to get in.

"We believe he was just going to empty the cash drawers," said Chief Dan Oates.

Returning before she was expected, police believe that Anderton surprised Boldiszar when she entered the store. At that time he hit her on the head, then stabbed her several times.

Boldiszar had no previous criminal record. Friends and family are shocked by the incident and find it hard to believe that the young man

they know could be the same person who would commit such a terrible crime. "He was a first offender and may not have had to do time for the robbery, but he covered it with a horrific crime," said Oates.

Anderton's father, Larkin Jackson released a statement following the arrest. "There are no words I can say to express how wonderful a daughter she was. I don't remember ever having to do correction with her. She was beautiful, a 100 percent blessing her whole life," said Jackson.

Anderton leaves behind a 9-year old daughter. Blockbuster had offered an award for tips that would lead to the arrest of the murderer. They will now donate that money to a fund for the Anderton family. Donations can be made at the Ann Arbor Blockbuster store or any Key Bank.

Man pulls gun in case of airport road rage

Ebinoff bound over in road rage case

Two men involved in a case of road rage near Metro Airport may think again before deciding to vent on the road. One who allegedly stared down the barrel of a gun, and the other who could spend time in prison for his role in the June 16th altercation.

Robert Ebinoff has been bound over by Judge Brian Oakley in the 34th District Court on felonious assault charges after Oakley found fact to support the charges as filed by the Wayne County Prosecutor's office.

Ebinoff could face up to 20 years in prison if convicted.

The charges stem from the June 16th incident in which Ebinoff encountered Keith Hayes of Metro Car while traveling down to the South Terminal at Metro. Hayes testified that he was returning the car he drove for his company and noticed a red truck coming up really fast in his rearview mirror. "It was a construction zone," said Hayes. "I know the posted speed limit had to be 25 miles

per hour, he was going at least 50."

Hayes then testified that the defendant cut him off, at which time he had to apply his brakes hard in order to stop his vehicle, then Ebinoff's vehicle slowed down in front of Hayes. "I don't know what he was thinking," said Hayes. Upset, Hayes moved over to the next lane, got next to the defendant's vehicle and said, "What's your problem?"

Hayes testified that he did not threaten Ebinoff in any way, that he had no weapon. According to his statement he made hand gestures and just asked him what his problem was. "He said some things back to me, followed me, and then spit on my car," said Hayes. "I was very frustrated and to be frank with you, I was really pissed."

Hayes pulled over, and got out of his car. The defendant stopped about ten feet away from Hayes. "Nothing was stopping him from moving forward," said Hayes. "I started to walk towards him, and as I

arrived at the end of the car I noticed the defendant sitting in the truck lifting his arm up with a gun in his hand," he said.

Testimony revealed that Hayes saw a barrel of a gun faced out of the window, pointed in his direction as he moved towards the defendant's vehicle. "My natural inclination kicked in, and I got out of there," said Hayes. "I was unbelievably afraid."

Further testimony reports that Ebinoff allegedly told Hayes he was a police officer, "and your F**ked." "I made a stupid move getting out of my vehicle," said Hayes.

Hayes got back into his car and took off toward the South terminal. At some point he saw a Wayne County Sheriff. He flagged the officer down and told him about the encounter with Ebinoff just a few minutes previous. Corporal Robert Tiffen had been patrolling the area and noticed someone behind him flashing his lights and honking his horn. "He told me

there's a gentleman who just pulled a gun on me," said Tiffen in testimony.

The officer proceeded to go after the red Dodge pickup truck. He stopped Ebinoff two tenths of a mile up the road, and waited for backup to arrive. "We arrested the suspect. I saw the gun after I took him into custody," said the officer.

The weapon found by police in Ebinoff's car was a 45-caliber pistol, loaded with eight rounds. One round of hollow points. Upon investigation, Tiffen found that Ebinoff did have a legal CCW permit.

Prosecutor Maria Petito asked Oakley to bind over on charges as submitted. Attorneys for Ebinoff argued that he was using self-defense, and that the defendant was merely brandishing the weapon to scare Hayes away.

The argument didn't wash with Oakley. Ebinoff will stand trial in the Wayne County Circuit Courts. He remains free on personal bond.

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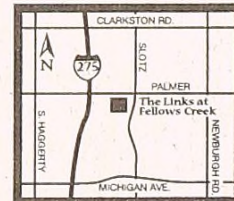


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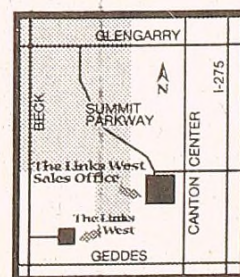
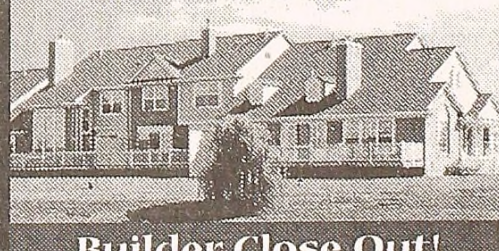
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The plundering of Wayne County — McNamara and appointees haul in cash

Whew! Last week I took offense to the bureaucratic positions that were being added at the City of Romulus. This week daily newspapers broke a story that depicted County Executive Edward McNamara's over-zealous use of taxpayers' money. It makes the Romulus story paltry in comparison.

Essentially, our great leader McNamara has managed to employ 332 people that report to him. When he began the job 16 year's ago the number was less than 100. As a comparison, County Executive Brooks Patterson in Oakland County employs less than 40.

What is even more astonishing is that 112 of these positions command a salary of over \$100,000. For instance McNamara's assistant, Mary Zuckerman earns over \$160,000. Compared to Gov. John Engler, the lieutenant governor, attorney general, and secretary of state's office that collectively have a grand total of 34 appointees paid over \$100,000, the Executive's list is stunning.

But what really takes the cake is that most of these executives take part in a pension plan that pays them \$5 for every dollar they put in. Many private industry firms offer a matching 1 to 1 plan, but 5 to 1 is unheard of in private or public situations.

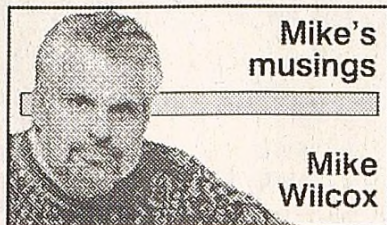
McNamara has done all he can to keep this information under wraps. The dailies took him to court, and the Executive appealed the decision all the way to the Michigan State Supreme Court. After spending over

\$50,000, and losing at every step, he was forced to hand the information over.

Now we understand why he wanted no one to know. The Executive's office, charged with running the County, has plundered and pillaged the good taxpayers by taking their money and spending it on political appointments. Those appointments are paid by you and I over \$4,000,000 a year base plus many of them are given cars, the world's best 401K and who knows what else.

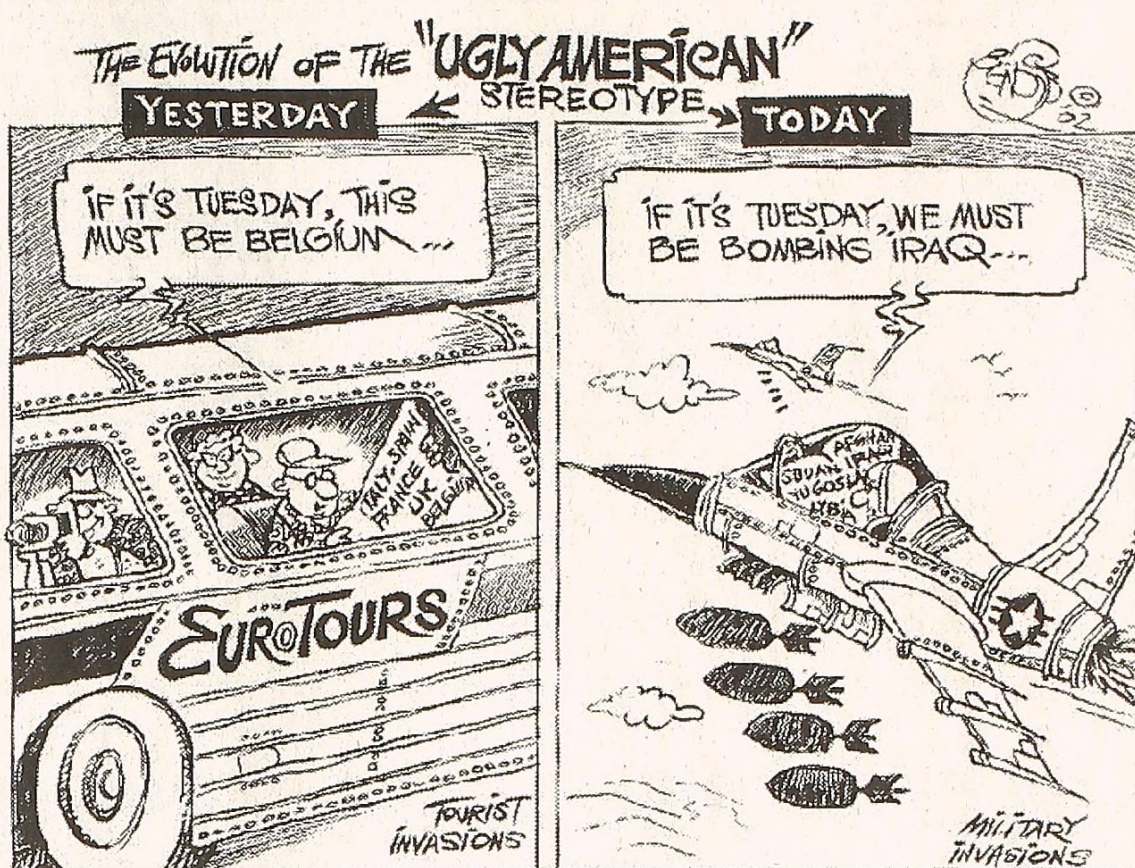
I don't know about you, but I'm not interested in paying the assistant director at Willow Run airport over \$100,000 a year to run an airport that had one-hundred times that activity during WWII that it has today. Can't the director, who makes a hair short of \$110,000 take care of everything?

Thank God, a new executive is being elected. Robert Ficano needs to hit his office doing double-time and eliminating as many administrative positions as possible. Wayne County taxpayers don't need to fund these positions. We need to save our dollars for schools and crime. Please, Mr. Ficano, give the pink slip to most of these people, and those you keep, be judicious with the 401K and car useage.



Mike's musings

Mike Wilcox



Local news isn't always best

Since 9-11, international events dominate the news. Great material for daily newspapers, TV news, and 'Net zines, but tough for local papers.

And double tough on me, who began writing for local papers for a screwy reason.

Back in the 1980s, when I lived a life of watching sunsets and tending fruit trees on the deepest lake in North Oakland County, I read a *Co-Evolution Quarterly* article that changed my life.

For those of you that missed the slow death of the Counterculture in the eighties, *Co-Evolution Quarterly* was an extension of the *Whole Earth Catalogue*, the Counterculture's Bible.

With it's last breath, the *Whole Earth* crowd tried to fuse small community and high-tech values, so with equal fervor it recommended computers and fruit tree farming, two suggestions I took up.

A third recommendation was for folks to write for local newspapers as the best way to connect with their community. You know, think globally but live locally.

So I started writing for a paper in Waterford, the township whose

many beautiful lakes and woods once wowed Frank Sinatra.

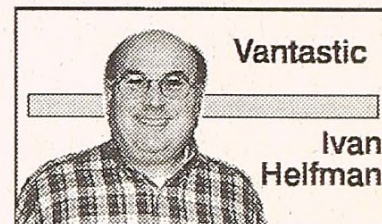
It turned out well for me because I wrote about the place where I lived, worked, married, and raised my children in a house that had been handed down from friend to friend for 30 years in a friendly cottage community with close neighbors who spent their days on decks and pontoon boats.

A place where neighbors shared the fun, boats and beers, and the work, keeping beaches sandy and docks floating.

But maybe those good old days in the early eighties, when strangers at a stoplight would pull up to you and hand you a beer, are as remote to today's 9-11 world as the forties, a time when you could smoke in hospitals.

In Waterford, I wrote about an established community with a charming but checkered history, a cast of quirky characters, and of the cottage dwellers' battle to slow down development of the lakes.

Small stories that seem quaint in contrast to the daily dose of global horrors in today's headlines. Terrorism, war scares, and weapons of mass destruction. Recessions, plant



Vantastic

Ivan Helfman

closings, and budget deficits.

While community life goes on, it's hard to focus on small stories — Westland's skateboard park construction or Canton's quest for a community theater — while worrying about how we will pay for the President's invasion of Iraq or the \$3-a-gallon of gasoline the invasion and occupation could generate.

So I longed for a local story, until one appeared on the horizon.

Unfortunately, it's neither the story I wanted nor a pleasant contrast to escalating revenge killings in the Holy Land or the confiscation of white farmers' fields in Zimbabwe.

The local story is the arrival of West Nile Virus in Southeastern Michigan, with future headlines likely to tally the number of victims.

The lesson? Never wish for something because you might get it.

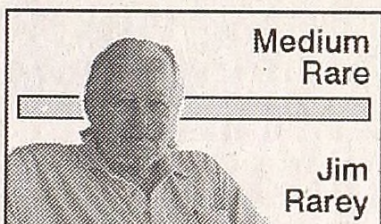
Musing about the corrupt county

Let's make one thing clear at the beginning of this column. No one is being accused of doing anything illegal. After all, when a political body makes the laws, they are written to achieve the desired result without any lawbreaking being necessary. That is what has happened over at least the last decade in the figurative rape of Wayne County taxpayers.

Last Sunday the *Detroit News* published several news stories by reporter Paul Egan on the outrageous salaries and benefits Wayne County Executive Edward H. McNamara has awarded his political cronies he appointed to county jobs.

The information had been requested by the *News* through the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) but it took about a year and a State Supreme Court decision before McNamara released the information. Oakland and Macomb Counties had released the same type of information immediately when requested by the *News*.

According to Egan about one third (112) of McNamara's 332 appointees were making more than \$100,000 a year. That's about four times as many as the 34 appointees in all three branches of state government making more than \$100,000.



Medium Rare

Jim Rarey

In addition to the huge salaries, appointees get more than generous perks. Fifty of them get unlimited use of county cars while others get car "allowances" of \$400 to \$500 a month regardless of how often they use their own cars on county business. Under IRS rules expense reimbursements of over \$25 dollars not supported by receipts are considered taxable income. Were those car allowances reported on appointees' W-2's for income tax purposes?

Perhaps the most egregious perk is the "match" of five taxpayers' dollars for each dollar the appointee puts into his individual 401K type account up to 2.5% of his base salary. That is at least five times as much as the most generous plan in private industry and other governmental plans. But why should appointees get that benefit at all regardless of the amount of the match?

Also, McNamara unilaterally made recent changes to vacation,

sick day and pension rules to the benefit of his appointees.

But the corruption isn't limited to the county's executive branch. Wayne County's part-time Commissioners pull down salaries of about \$65,000 per year for attending two commission meetings per month and a few committee meetings during the year. Additionally they have included themselves in the 5-1 match in retirement "nest eggs." This at a time when even city councils are eliminating retirement plans for part-time elected officials.

How and when did the County Executive get the authority to make unilateral changes to pension and other benefits? Was it a "quid pro quo" to quietly include the commissioners?

These rip-offs of the taxpayers should be front and center as issues in the upcoming November elections, particularly where incumbents are being challenged. If they are not, we will know the candidates don't care about the taxpayers and only want to clamber aboard the gravy train.

Jim Rarey can be reached at (734) 942-7667 or E-mail to jim_rarey@comcast.net.

Inkster dog catcher is a hero

How would you like to be a dog catcher? Or maybe the more politically correct title, an animal control officer.

Either way a pretty thankless job. Picking up stray dogs, chasing runaways, helping injured, trapped, crazy or unwanted animals.

Then you get to enforce all the animal ordinances. Truly a thankless job that doesn't sound like a lot of fun.

So here is a thank you to Ron Thomas, Inkster animal control officer, who I call the animal control officer out of respect, even though he probably would let me call the dog catcher.

Thomas has worked for the city for a long time and has probably been called a lot of names, including hero, once or twice.

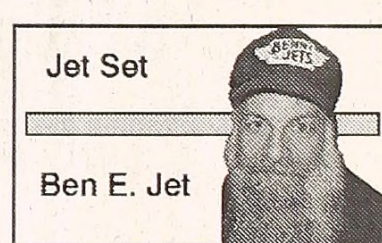
Last week he was a hero to my 12-year-old daughter. She had looked for her little black dog for several days. Eventually the dog was found alive and well, thanks to Ron Thomas.

This near-famous dog, the same one I wrote about when he ran into a skunk, would have been better off wearing his old dog tag on his new collar. He also would have been better off on a leash when I took him to the car wash.

But let's not get into blaming anyone here. Let's just be happy that the dog made it home and that Inkster has someone who keeps an eye on our animals.

The Dearborn Heights firefighters, who keep an eye on their city, are having their 10th annual Chili Cook-Off and Family Picnic with Benny and the Jets on Saturday, Aug. 24, from noon till dusk, at Upper Parkland Park, on Ann Arbor Trail between Telegraph and Evergreen. Food and beverages. Face painting, moonwalk, kids games, a fire engine, water shower, and much more.

Over \$1,000 worth of prizes for kids and adults will be raffled off. All proceeds will benefit the the Great Lakes Burn Camp.



Jet Set

Ben E. Jet

To enter your chili, for more information, or just to tell them you read about the benefit in the paper, call Bill at (313) 277-7713.

At the Wayne Road Pub Tuesday, I talked to Gary, who said he was happy to see Mohammed, manager of the Westland Bee Hive, mentioned in this column. Seems the Bee Hive sponsored Gary's daughter's skating team, the Wayne Jazzes, who recently won a national competition in Marlboro Massachusetts.

For more information, play dates, or to hire Benny and the Jets, contact Ben E. Jet at (313) 730-1627 or surf to WWW.BENNYANDTHE-JETS.COM.

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Garbage tax lost in Westland because of 'wasteful spending'

I'm glad that the millage failed in Westland.

Finding a solution begins with a change in attitude. Mayor Cicirelli and others on council need to have an attitude adjustment and to stop thinking that throwing money at a bad situation will solve the problem.

We have been throwing money, and huge amounts, at the sanitation problem for so many years. Try asking those on the inside.

Only recently, when the tap into our wallets was turned off, has anyone acted so almighty concerned. Whine and cry for more funds, threaten layoffs and cuts in services.

Cut your own paychecks first and cut them across the board, then

bring in the Kleenex. Believe it or not, many are watching our wasteful spending and agree with the anti-millage outcome.

Westland lacks cops and firefighters, hold a public safety millage election

If our mayor can show how Westland's budget can be cut to offset money that didn't materialize when the sanitation millage failed, that would be a great thing.

I believe it can be done since the costs of employee cars and other giveaways are out of line.

If our police and fire departments are on the brink of being down-sized to the point of unsafe service, the city should put a safety millage before the voters and let them decide the outcome.

Voters were misinformed about Jim Blanchard's job as governor

I have a comment about the Aug. 8 column, "Is this an election or a snoozefest?" (actually "Status quo to romp in primary," Aug. 8). Good column. I would like to add this to it: are the voters fully informed?

Many people claimed that Blanchard left a \$1.4 billion deficit and raised the taxes 38 percent; but if they knew how to read and research, they would have found out that upon his departure, Jim Blanchard was praised by one of his chief critics, *Detroit News* columnist Warren Brooks, for leaving Michigan in the best shape of any industrial state in the nation.

Brooks pointed out that Blanchard presided over the kind of fis-

cal performances that any governor would covet.

Stewart has garnered endorsements for serving the 20th District well

This is in regards to the 20th District. In my opinion, Bruce Patterson had acting like a bully by meddling in the 20th District Republican house primary so he can destroy Stewart's views and his ability to run.

He's getting even for the fact that Stewart won two years ago.

Look at Stewart's record. He's served his community well. He's backed by the speaker of the house and other members of the Republican Caucus.

Patterson is purposely doing this to destroy John Stewart.



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LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Override of Engler's veto was a tremendous victory

To the editor:

On Tuesday, I voted to override Governor Engler's recent veto which stripped more than \$840 million in revenue sharing payments to Michigan counties, cities, townships and villages money that is used to fund vital county and city services such as police protection, fire departments, and road repair.

When the vote came, 105 members voted to override with Rep. Richner being the only no vote cast and 3 members choosing not

to vote. The State Senate immediately followed suit and voted to override the Governor by a margin of 36-1. If the veto had been allowed to stand, Wayne County would have lost more than \$49 million and Westland would have been out more than \$4.5 million.

I consider what we did to be a tremendous victory for local communities and the families who live in them. Although restoring revenue sharing is a great start, there's much more to do. The governor made a number of other vetoes in bipartisan budgets passed

by the Legislature that I think should be overridden.

Those vetoes include:

- More than \$7.4 million in fire protection grants. These are funds that the state provides to local communities to protect state buildings such as universities. Cities in Wayne County will lose \$2,077,403.85 if this veto is allowed to stand;
- Approximately \$3 million from the Low-Income and Energy Efficiency Program Assistance Fund to Community Action Agencies around the state. These funds

would support energy shutoff protection programs for low-income seniors and veterans;

- Language requiring the Department of Consumer & Industry Services to provide funding for six workers' compensation mediator positions;
- \$250,000 from domestic violence supervised parenting time centers;
- \$150,000 for three emergency homeless shelters; and,
- 100,000 from Medicaid.

Ever since Engler vetoed revenue sharing payments a little over

two weeks ago, I have been calling for an override vote. I knew that the loss of these payments would cripple cities and towns across the state, and I felt that the governor was merely "playing politics" at the expense of Michigan families and local communities.

After pressure from Democratic Legislators and local officials from across the state, Republican lead-

ers did an about face and joined with Democrats to override the governor's veto.

I am very pleased that lawmakers on the other side of the aisle heard our call for an override vote. Anderson. "People should always come before politics.

Rep. Glenn Anderson
Westland

Romulus mayor questions facts, tone of police restructuring article

To the editor:

In the August 15, 2002 edition of The Romulus Roman, a front page article written by Ms. Brenda Gracin and titled "Despite PD cutbacks, new public safety department created" gave a narrow and, on many levels, inaccurate assessment of the city's plans to restructure the Romulus Police Department so that an expanded and improved Romulus Fire Department can be funded.

I found the article a disappointing assessment of our actual plans and actions. It was, in fact, more accusatory in tone than supportive of our proactive efforts to improve vital community services.

One of the more disappointing aspects of this article was the quote attributed to Judge Brian Oakley in which he gave his personal assessment of our plans. In the article Judge Oakley is quoted as saying, "I can't see how they are thinking ... Our officers are busy overseeing the safety of the community, cutting them and hiring additional firefighters who may not be used doesn't make sense."

If Judge Oakley did in fact say this, then I must agree with him that he can't fully understand the reasoning of our actions and plans. He has not, on any level, been involved with the painstaking process the forward-thinking members of Romulus City

Council and myself have gone through to create an action plan that will restructure the police department without layoffs while providing the city with funds to create a much needed expanded fire department complete with full-time emergency medical services and state-of-the-art lifesaving equipment.

I also agree with on point of Judge Oakley's quote: "our officers are busy overseeing the safety of the community."

Romulus police officers will continue to do so without a reduction of on-the-street manpower. Once and hopefully for all, it should be clearly, concisely and singularly understood that the term "restructuring" is not a poorly veiled code for layoffs, cutbacks or firings of the police officers who patrol our streets and guard the public safety.

The single component of the police department restructuring is a retirement package that executive officers are free to accept or decline. No order, mandate, or dictate have ever come down from my office or city council demanding layoffs or firings of any Romulus police officers.

As to Judge Oakley's assessment that we are "hiring additional firefighters who may not be used," I would advise this good, decent and fair man to take a driving tour around our city. Even as the national

and local economies struggle, Romulus is experiencing unprecedented growth. It is the belief of this administration and city council that our longtime citizens deserve vastly improved fire and EMS response times.

It is also our belief that those who are choosing any one of Romulus's five new residential developments as their home demand no less than the peace of mind knowing their homes and families are protected by a full-service fire and EMS department.

It is a generally accepted assumption of any civilized, democratic society that police officers and firefighters "may not be used." In all honesty, that is the hope. Weeks, months, even years may pass before any of us may have a need for a police officer's help or a firefighter's assistance.

Then there's that one time. That one early morning home invasion. That electrical socket spark to the carpet at midnight. Or that one mechanically troubled airplane that threatens the safety of a neighborhood.

At these times, it's a little late to hire more patrol officers or firefighters. The need in that single moment is immediate and the response must be effective. This is why city council and I have taken great pains to restructure our police department

and plan for an expanded fire department. It is an effort to better serve and protect the present and the future.

Finally, I must take personal exception to the assertion that I made any declarative comment that "officers with 25 years of service were burned out." This statement attributed to me appeared in the Aug. 15 article and in a previous Romulus Roman article.

I did, in point of fact, say that officers who had served for 25 years may feel burned out. Serving any community as an officer of the law can be a mentally, physically, and spiritually stressful occupation. It takes a near superhuman commitment to want to be an officer of the law. To feel burned out after 25 years of time is, however, only human.

Of course, there are many good officers who continue providing exceptional service to the public well after 25 years of doing the job. A local example is our own Police Chief and newly appointed Director of Public Safety Charles Kirby.

In the future I hope this administration and the Romulus Roman can work more closely together to assure the accuracy and fairness of news stories that our citizens read.

Serving you,
Mayor Alan Lambert
City of Romulus

CITY OF WAYNE

Motion by McEachern, supported by Lentine and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt Ordinance 2002-26, an ordinance to amend the codified ordinances of the City of Wayne, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2002-26

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYNE

THE CITY OF WAYNE ORDAINS:

Section 1. That the zoning map of the City of Wayne be amended and changed to show B-1, BUSINESS LIMITED where R-1B, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, is now shown, as hereinafter described:

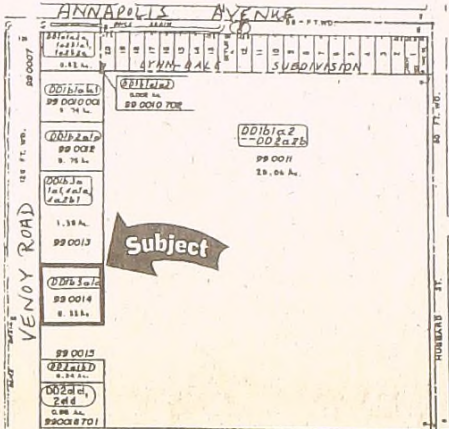
4953 Venoy Road, Tax ID#55-023-99-0014-000

Section 2. That this Ordinance shall be published as required by law.

Section 3. That this Ordinance shall become effective ten days after enactment and upon publication thereof.

Mary E. Carney
City Clerk

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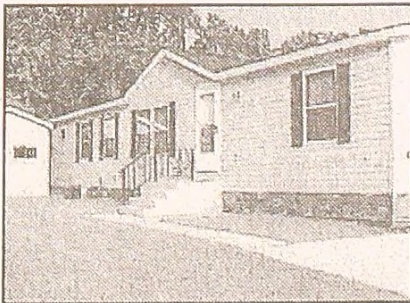
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Angela Frances Todd
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OBITUARIES

BREWER, JOSHUA M. (CLOUD), 8, of Ypsilanti, passed away August 9, 2002 in Tennessee. He was born January 25, 1994 in Wayne to Gary Cloud and Amy Brewer. Joshua was an avid baseball player who played for the Ypsilanti Cardinals. He attended Ford Elementary School and Metro Baptist Church. In addition to his parents survivors include his brothers Jayce and Jared, his sister Jamie, his paternal grandparents Allen Cloud and Linda Martinez, his step-grandmother Della, his maternal grandparents Darrell and Lynn Wolfrum, his great-grandmother Marjorie Wenk, and several cousins, aunts, and uncles. He was preceded in death by his paternal great-grandparents Sophie and Manuel Martinez, his maternal great-grandmother Pauline Wages, and his maternal great-grandfather Roger Wenk. Funeral services were held at Stark Funeral Service Moore Memorial Chapel with rev. Ron Shiver of Willow Run Church of God officiating. Burial followed at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West in Westland.

DeRYKE, PEGGY FAYE, 61, of Wayne, passed away July 22. Beloved wife of August DeRyke. Loving mother of Shelina (Russell) New, Charles (Ginger) Murphy, Rick (Melissa) Murphy, Nikki (Ivan) McCaig, Trena (Patrick) Mulligan, and Kenneth (Sande) DeRyke. Dearest sister of Pam (Kenneth) Knowles, Eddie (Susie) Stacey, and Theresa (Ray) Morgan. Also survived by nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Funeral services were held at Uht funeral Home with Sally A. Bazan officiating. Interment followed at United Memorial Gardens in Plymouth.

FARGO, MARY JO, 64, of Westland, passed away July 23. Beloved wife of the late John. Dearest mother of Cherie (Gary) Clark, John M. (Lori), Tom (Lisa), and Nicole (Carl Hudson). Dear sister of Robert (Norma) Perkins, Ruth Saltern, Edith (Jr.) Cowger, Ralph (Loretta) Perkins, Shirley (Bill) Cymbal, Joseph (Linda) Perkins, Catherine (Gary) Monell, and Jenny Kisner. Dear sister-in-law of the late Robert Saltern and Clark Kisner. Loving grandmother of Jennifer, Bobby, Zachary, Evan, Mary, and Julie. Funeral services were held at harry J. Will Funeral Home in Wayne. A Funeral mass was held at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Wayne. Memorial contributions can be made in her honor to the American Heart Association or Leukemia Foundation.

GARRETT, JAMES DENNIS, 56, of Taylor, passed away July 24 at garden City Hospital. Beloved husband of Patricia L. (Keith) Garrett. Loving father of Dawn Curry of Ypsilanti and Tara Hill of Canton. Also survived by seven grandchildren. Mr. Garrett served his country in the United States Marine Corp. Funeral services were held at David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville with Mr. Mike Cannon officiating. Cremation rites have been accorded.



Gary Dean Hemmingway

HEMINGWAY, GARY DEAN, 47, of Ypsilanti (formerly of Romulus), passed away July 30, 2002.Mr. Hemmingway was employed by Ford Motor Company at the Wayne Michigan Truck Plant for fourteen years. He was an automotive inspector. Beloved husband of Regina Hemmingway. The loving son of Ledora and James Hemmingway of Romulus. Dearest father of Robin Hemmingway and Gary Dean Hemmingway Jr.; step-father of Narvin Russaw III, Justin Russaw, and Rashonna Russaw. Dear brother of Bonnie Duncan, Peggy Meek, Lois Conway, Laura Garner, and James Edward Hemmingway. Funeral services were held at Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Wayne with Elder Luke McClendon officiating. Interment followed at the United Memorial Gardens in Plymouth. The family of Mr. Hemmingway acknowledges all of your acts of kindness and thoughtful expressions of love and sympathy, which you have shown each of them during this their time of immense loss. May God richly bless all of you for caring.

LEAVELL, VALLA, 68, of Inkster, passed away July 11. Loving mother of Vearl, Gail (Lonnell) Green, Phillip (of Inkster), Louis (Janice), William (Samone), and Robert (Joella). Beloved grandmother of Vearl Jr., Deanna, Kelley, Pauline, Paulette, Clarence Jr., Phillip, William, Christopher, Jessica, Nina, Robert Jr., Breona, Julian, Justin, and Jonathane. Dearest great-grandmother of Hannah. Funeral services were held at Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Wayne. Interment followed at Michigan Memorial Park. Memorial contributions can be made in here honor to the Kingdom Hall Organization.

LEFFEL, LOIS J., 74, of Wayne,

passed away July 24 at Maplewood Manor Nursing Home in Monroe. Loving wife of Walter Leffel. Dearest sister of Neal Howard Hannan and the late Harold Hannan. Funeral services were held at Uht Funeral Home with rev. Rob. Joy officiating. Interment followed at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

MEADOWS, CURTIS, 68, of Belleville, passed away July 23 at his home. Mr. Meadows proudly served his country in the United States Army. He enjoyed rebuilding and working on cars. He also loved his Play Station game system. Beloved husband of Louise O. (Fraley) Meadows. Loving father of Linda (Frank) Stout of Belleville, Paula (Rick) Hallett of Newport, and Tammy (Gerald) LaFramboise of Houstontown, PA. Dearest brother of Norman Meadows, Ken Meadows, and Emma Jean Pollard. Also survived by six children. Preceded in death by his parents James and Dolly (Hall) Meadows; his brothers Ralph, Junior, Budd, Glenn, and Paul Meadows; and his sister Audrey. Funeral services were held at David C. Brown Funeral Home with Rev. George B.A. Fountain officiating. Interment followed at Soop Cemetery in Van Buren Township. Memorial contributions can be made in his honor to the Hospice of Michigan.

MEDON, ALAN E., 56, of Livonia (formerly of Belleville), passed away July 10. Mr. Medon served his country in the United States Army. Loving father of Craig A. (Robin) Medon of Metamora, Marcine M. Medon of Westland, and Mark C. Medon of Plant City, FL. Beloved son of Elaine (William) Myers of Cocoa Beach, FL. Dearest brother of Lynn (Donald) Mollitor of Canton, Christine (Donald) Dorsten of waters and Laurie Stinson of Arkansas. Also survived by four grandchildren. Preceded in death by his father Ellwood Medon and his wife Cheryl Medon. A Funeral mass was held at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Belleville with Father Thomas H. Cusick as celebrant. Cremation rites have been accorded. Memorial contributions can be made in his honor to the M.S.A. foundation or V.N. A. Hospice. David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville made arrangements.

NEUMANN, JAMES B., 45, passed away August 4. He is survived by his son Edward Brian Neumann; his brothers Al, Larry, Russ, and Paul; his sisters Albert and Roslind. Also survived by two brother-in-laws, four sister-in-laws, and many nieces and nephews. Funeral arrangements were made by harry J. Will Funeral Home in Wayne. Cremation rites have been accorded.

PAYZANT, DAVID PHILLIP, 67 of Wayne, passed away July 22 at Oakwood Hospital-Annapolis Center in Wayne. Loving husband of Myrtle S. Payzant. Dearest brother of Fred (Sylvia Joan) Payzant, Marvene C. (Stanley C.) Bower, and the late Phyllis C. Herig. Dear friend of Roger Homan. Funeral services were held at Uht Funeral Home with Rev. Bruce Gunn officiating. Interment followed at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

RENTON, MARION, 77, of Springfield, Missouri passed away July 31 at Primrose Place in Springfield, MO. Marion was an X-ray technician at Osteopathic Hospital in Springfield, MO. Cherished cousin of Ralph Baum of Belleville, Betty Jean (Homer) Morris of Belleville, Patricia Douglas of Saline, Jean Orskey of Roscommons, Charles Renton of Belleville, Donald Renton of Belleville, Margaret Kinney of Colorado, James Renton of Arizona, Rose Neibauder of Stevensville, George Renton of Harbor Springs, and Edwin Renton of Gulliver. Dearest half-sister of Dean Renton of Detroit. Preceded in death by her parents Dean and Gladys (Brown) Renton and her sister (in childhood) Jean. Graveside services were held at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville with David C. Brown officiating. David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville made arrangements.

SCHULTZ, ELIZABETH A., 81, of Wayne, passed away August 12 at Bortz Heath Care of Ypsilanti. She was born in June 1921 in Superior Township, to Albert and Emma (Lidke) Grosshans. In July 1962 she married Edward P. Schultz and he preceded her in death in January 2000. Liz, as she was lovingly called, retired from Burroughs Inc. after 31 1/2 years of service. She was an avid golfer before and after her retirement. She also enjoyed traveling the United States with her husband. She was a life long member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Ypsilanti. She was also active in the Wayne Senior Citizens. Liz is survived by her sister Anna Grosshans; her nieces Judy (Charles) Kyle and Carol Richard) Coy; her nephews Gary (Virginia) Grosshans and Timothy (Karen) Grosshans; and also by several great-nieces and great-nephews. In addition to her husband her parents, her brother

Fredrick and his wife Anna Grosshans, preceded her in death. Funeral services were held at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Ypsilanti with Pastor Jonathan Bomgren officiating. Burial followed at Highland Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made in her honor to The Emmanuel Lutheran Church Capital Improvement Fund or the Alzheimers Association. Stark Funeral Home, 101 S. Washington Street, in Ypsilanti made the arrangements.

SHAW, MARY M., 79, of New Boston, passed away July 22 at Foote Hospital in Jackson. She was born in July 1923 in Highland Park to the late Charles and Edith

(Luton) Taylor. Mrs. Shaw was a life long area resident. She was a member of W.A.G. (an animal rescue organization) for the past ten years. She was also a member of the TBN & CBN 700 Club. She is survived by her daughters, Melissa (Ralph Royce) Shaw of Jackson, Mary Alice Wilson of Ann Arbor, Phyllis Edmond of Taylor and Jennifer Wilamowski of Ann Arbor; her brother Charles Taylor of California; her sisters Rubye Meyers of Tucson, AZ, Christine Scott of Corryton, TN and Virginia Taylor; her grandchildren Jeff Wilson, Dusty Wilson, Jim Edmond, and Laura (Mark) Halverson; and her five great-grandchildren. In addition to her parents she was also preceded in

death by her husband Laurmie Shaw, her son Lawrence Shaw, and her brother Robert Taylor. A memorial service was held at Crane Funeral Home in Romulus with Pastor Cliff Molnar officiating. Cremation rites have been accorded and an interment of her cremains followed the service at the Mallet Cemetery in Huron Township. Memorial contributions can be made in her honor to the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute or the 700 Club.

SIMON, DELMER EARL, 69, of Augusta Township, passed away July 22 at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. Mr. Simon proudly served his country in the United States Army during

the Korean War. Beloved husband of Alma R. (Greca) Simon. Loving father of Kim (Donna) Simon of Napoleon, Jim (Amy) Simon of Remus, David (Peggy) Simon of Belleville, and Timothy Simon of Gaston, IN. Dear brother of Drexel Simon of Belleville and Jacqueline Czinski of Willis. Also survived by six grandchildren. Preceded in death by his brother Donald Simon, and his parents Charles and Sanna (Collins) Simon. Funeral services were held at David C. Brown Funeral Home with father Nicholas J. Ritter officiating. Interment followed at St. Joseph Cemetery in Augusta Township. Memorial contributions can be made in his honor to the “Matthew 25 Fund”-St. Joseph Church.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 12, 2002

Supervisor King called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: King, Payne, Budd, Herman, Jahr and Rochowiak. Absent and excused: Hart. Others in attendance: Planning and Economic Development Director Kelley, Recreation and Facilities Director Ross, Public Safety Director Elg, Water and Sewer Director Duha, Recreation Manager Morris, Deputy Public Safety Director Smolen, Executive Assistant Ireland, Secretary Cline and an audience of thirty (30).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Payne moved, Budd seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: Jahr moved, Herman seconded to open the public hearing to receive public comment on the special use request from the Visteon Corporation to construct and operate a cafeteria and dining facility, a printing, copying, and mailing facility on parcels of land in the vicinity of I-275 and Ecorse Roads. Carried.

Supervisor King opened the public hearing and went to Director Kelley for an explanation. Director Kelley stated part of the site plan the Visteon Corporation has brought before the Township has two uses that by the zoning ordinance requires special use approval by the Board of Trustees. The first use is to construct and operate a cafeteria and dining facility occupying less than 30,000 feet including vending machines, a coffee center and a large enough area for Visteon employees and guests to dine at. The second use is a printing, copying and mailing facility. The reason the mailing facility requires special use approval is that it would be staffed by an out-source company. Director Kelley continued by stating the Planning Commission has reviewed this plan, a Public Hearing was, held and at the June 26, 2002 Planning Commission meeting moved to recommend approval of the special use requests to the Board of Trustees.

Supervisor King stated a third special use request for a fueling facility had been removed from consideration at the request of the applicant.

There were no additional comments or questions from the Board or the audience.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made to close the public hearing.

Herman moved, Budd seconded to close the public hearing. Carried.

MINUTES: Rochowiak moved, Jahr seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes of July 15, 2002, as presented. Carried.

Jahr moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the Executive Session Minutes of July 15, 2002, as presented. Carried.

Herman moved, Budd seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of July 16, 2002, as amended. Under “Correspondence” the first paragraph, “Township Planning Consultants, McKenna Associates representatives gave a presentation of the Public Safety Facilities Plan Report.” to read “Township Planning Consultants, McKenna Associates representatives gave a presentation of the Public Safety Facilities (Location Analysis) Plan Report.” Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: On Tuesday, August 27, 2002 and Wednesday, August 28, 2002 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Budget Preparation Meetings will be held in the Otisville/Sheldon room at the Township Hall.

The Downtown Development Authority Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 13, 2002 has been rescheduled for Tuesday, August 27, 2002 at 5:30 p.m.

A certificate of appreciation to the Police Department in recognition of the valuable contribution to substance abuse prevention and health and safety of the youth of Wayne County by enforcing the Michigan Youth Tobacco Act from the Knopf Company, Inc. and the Southeast Michigan Community Alliance.

A letter from the Parkwood staff thanking the Fire Department for the quick and immediate response to a recent fire incident.

A letter from a City of Belleville senior citizen thanking teen camp volunteers for the community service help at their home.

An email regarding the improvements made to Van Buren Park from a recent visitor commending the Township on a job well done.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Payne moved, Herman seconded to approve the second reading to adopt Ordinance 07-1602 to amend the Code of General Ordinances, Charter Township of Van Buren, Michigan, to add Chapter 22, Article VII, Section 22-406, Judicial Review. Roll Call Vote: Payne, Budd, Herman, Jahr, Rochowiak and King. Nays: None. Absent and excused: Hart. Carried.

*(A complete copy of the ordinance is available in the Clerk’s Office, Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Rd., during business hours, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)

NEW BUSINESS: Rochowiak moved, Herman to approve the special use request from the Visteon Corporation to construct and operate a cafeteria and dining facility, a printing, copying, and mailing facility on parcels of land in the vicinity of I-275 and Ecorse Roads. Carried.

Jahr moved, Budd seconded to adopt Resolution 2002-25 “Downriver Remembers”. Carried.

Payne moved, Budd seconded to adopt Resolution 2002-26 the Local Development Finance Authority appointments. Carried.

Budd moved, Payne seconded to adopt Resolution 2002-27 renaming the Van Buren Softball Field to the Gregg Brinkerhoff and Chuck Coleman Memorial Field. Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Herman seconded to adopt Resolution 2002-28 authorizing the Wayne County Drain Commission to expend money for the maintenance and repair of the Shuart Drain in the excess of \$2,500 per mile in an amount not to exceed \$100,000, to be borne by the affected freeholders and spread over a period of five (5) years with an interest rate not to exceed five percent (50%) and to amend the portion that reads “BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED” to add the line (total expense not to exceed \$100,000). Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Jahr seconded to adopt Resolution 2002-29 State Shared Revenue. Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Herman seconded to adopt Resolution 2002-30 to approve ballot language seeking up to .6 mill to be levied for a period not to exceed 20 years to fund public safety capital improvements. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Budd, Herman, Jahr, Rochowiak, Payne and King. Nays: None. Absent and excused: Hart. Carried.

Jahr moved, Rochowiak seconded to adopt Resolution 2002-31 to approve ballot language seeking replacement operating millage up to 3.4 mills to fund police, fire and emergency dispatch operations for a period of 5 years. Roll Call Vote: Herman, Jahr, Rochowiak, Payne, Budd and King. Nays: None. Absent and excused: Hart. Carried.

Herman moved, to send back to Planning Commission the first reading of Ordinance 08-12-02(l) to amend Zoning Ordinance 6-2-92, as amended to rezone parcels of land know as V-125-83-058-99-0005-000, V125-83-058-99-0003-000, V-125-058-99-0002-000 from R1-B (Medium Density Residential) to RM (Multiple - Family) for additional information to be supplied by the Planning Commission. Motion died for lack of support.

Budd moved, Jahr seconded to deny the first reading of Ordinance 08-12-02(l) to amend Zoning Ordinance 6-2-92, as amended to rezone parcels of land know as V-125-83-058-99-0005-000, V-125-83-058-99-0003000, V-125-058-99-0002-000 from R1-B (Medium Density Residential) to RM (Multiple- Family) based on the Township Planner McKenna’s letter and as recommended by the Planning Commission and to further invite the applicant to work with the Planning Commission to consider zoning classification that addresses senior housing. Carried.

Budd moved, Herman seconded to amend the contract with AI’s Asphalt & Paving, that was approved at the July 2, 2002, Board Meeting to add the proposed improvements to the entrance parking for the Water & Sewer Garage at a cost not to exceed \$16,780 and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the amendment. Carried.

Jahr moved, Payne seconded to accept Wade-Trim/Associates’ proposal dated July 1, 2002 to provide plans and specifications for the Ecorse Road Sanitary, Sewer Improvements from Haggerty Road to Jeremy Road in an amount not to exceed \$67,795 [and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the documents]. Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Herman seconded to approve the agreement between Ecorse/Van Buren Associates and Walden Woods L.L.C. and the Township for construction of a 30” and 36” sanitary sewer on Ecorse Road from Haggerty to Jeremy Road [and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the documents]. Carried.

Herman moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve first reading of Ordinance 08-12-02(2) to amend Zoning Ordinance 6-2-92, as amended to amend regulations pertaining to performance guarantees. Carried.

*(A synopsis of Ordinance 08-12-02(2) follow the minutes. A complete copy of the ordinance is available in the Clerk’s Office, Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Rd., during business hours, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)

VOUCHER LIST: Payne moved, Budd seconded to approve the August 12, 2002 voucher list as presented. Carried.

REPORTS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: On Tuesday, August 27, 2002 and Wednesday, August 28, 2002 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Budget Preparation Meetings will be held in the Otisville/Sheldon room at the Township Hall.

The “20th Annual Midnight Cruisers Car Show” will be held on Friday, August 23rd through Sunday, August 25th at Van Buren Park.

The Recreation Department will be adding a morning Jazzercise to the Fall Recreation schedule and the Fall Recreation brochures will be mailed out the first week of September. For further information about programs or to be added to the mailing list contact the Recreation Department at 699-8921.

Director Elg stated several representatives from the Department of Public Safety along with other Police and Fire chiefs from the state will be going to Lansing to show support of State Shared Revenue.

Director Elg asked all to keep in your thoughts the families of recently slain police officers.

AIDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Payne moved, Hermn seconded to adjourn at 10:11 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk

Cindy C. King
Supervisor

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Belleville's road to 'Red' title goes thru Wyandotte

Tigers must get off to a fast start to be contenders

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

A high school team with three starters returning to its roster usually isn't considered as a serious candidate to win a football title in the Red Division, the top tier of the Mega Conference. They are usually classified with those teams that are "re-building for the future."

But, past practice has shown that when it comes to football titles, no coach ever looks past Belleville. A year ago, most high school prognosticators didn't believe that Coach Bob LaPointe's Tigers could finish near the top of their division, let alone at the top of the division's standings.

The Tigers not only shared the title, with Allen Park, but made it to the state playoffs where a strong Westland John Glenn ball club eliminated them in the first round.

In his 11th year as head coach at Belleville - his 22nd as a varsity coach - LaPointe has "three or four starters from last year to build his 2002 squad around." So you would think that the veteran coach would not include words such as "title contender" in his pre-season dialogue. However, LaPointe believes that the 2002 Tigers have a shot at the championship, but with reservations.

"We have a lot of work to do to shore up the huge holes left by graduation," admits LaPointe. "I think we'll be all-right, especially if we can

get off to a fast start.

That start for the Tigers begins a day later than most of the local teams. Belleville opens the season on Friday, Aug. 30, when the Tigers will host Walled Lake Western. With the departure of perennial power Farmington Hills Harrison from the Western Lakes Conference, Western stands to inherit the conference W-L title.

"They (Western) have an excellent football program. In fact, a couple of years ago they won a Class A state," remarked LaPointe. "It will be a good opening-day test for our kids."

LaPointe and staff, which includes assistants Ed Krumm, Rod Fisher, and Wes Westhoff, will build

their team around experienced holdovers Bob Block, Teremayne McLilley, and Devon Gerald. All three started last year for the Tigers who finished with an overall 7-3 record.

Block will return as a strong safety and also use his 6-1, 190-pounds of talent to work as a tight end on offense; McLilley, presently hobbling because of an ankle injury, is a 5-9, 170-pound running back who LaPointe is counting on to put points on the board, while Gerald is a hard-nosed 6-2, 230-pound senior fullback who is a threat with or without the ball.

With a group of 50 candidates reporting to camp last week, incidentally that's one of the largest groups

to report to camp in recent years, LaPointe has an excellent group to fill the vacancies created by the June graduation. He is looking at two candidates - Tyler Jones, a 6-1, 170-pound junior, and Brock Luckner, a 6-3, 180-pound versatile athlete, for the quarterback's job.

"If Jones gets the nod, we can use Luckner, who has excellent hands, as a wide receiver."

LaPointe also has a pair of outstanding senior linemen in tackle Jayson Kloc, who is 5'10", 230-pounds, and Chris Dogan, a 6-0, 245-pound senior as a defensive end when he's not playing guard on offense.

LaPointe says that any hopes of holding on to its share of the Red Di-

vision title will be determined by whether his team can get off to a fast start.

"If we get bogged down early, it may prove very costly. There are some excellent teams in this division who covet the title," says LaPointe.

The division has six other schools - Dearborn Fordson, Monroe, Garden City, Allen Park, Taylor Truman, and Wyandotte this season.

LaPointe stressed "that the road to the title goes through Wyandotte. A year ago, Wyandotte finished third in this league, then went on to reach the state semi-finals. They have most of those kids back and if you want to talk about championships, you definitely have to include them in the discussion."

Twisters' win streak reaches 6

For the second week in a row, the undefeated Twisters averted disaster thanks to a come-from behind rally. They posted their sixth consecutive victory in the LakeShore Semipro Football Conference.

This time the Twisters spotted a tough Ohio Lions' squad 13 points before they managed to settle down and play like the champions they are.

"Like I said at the beginning of this season, this conference has a lot of talent and it is definitely spread around," commented Glenn Brothers, the Twisters' CEO. "But we managed to pick up another victory, and I guess that's what really counts."

The Twisters knocked off the Ohio Lions, 23-19, to protect their untarnished record.

"Big plays" were the key in this duel between the two previously undefeated squads. The Lions are now 4-1 on the season; the Twisters 6-0.

The Lions caught the Twisters' defense napping as the visitors struck for two early touchdowns, forcing the hosts to battle uphill the rest of the game. The Twisters fell behind 13-0 before they settled down and exploded for two of their own TDs to tie the score at 13 early in the second quarter.

Just prior to the close of the first half, the Twisters' newly-acquired kicker, Pat Gibson, split the uprights with a 30-yard field goal to give the hosts their first lead in the game, 16-13. However, that lead was short-lived.

The Lions came right back with a TD thanks to their aerial assault. With 29 seconds left in the opening half, they hit on a 35-yard pass, giving the Lions a 19-16 lead at half-time.

In the early stages of the second half, the Lions made what proved to be a 'fatal mistake' by sending their opening kickoff into the hands of return specialist, Charles Fountain, of Westland who is a "carbon copy of Desmond Howard," according to Brothers.

Fountain grabbed the ball on his own 15-yard line and behind outstanding blocking, raced straight up the middle, then breaking outside, breezing past would-be Lions tacklers, he sprinted to paydirt for an 85-yard TD return.

Fountain's TD proved to be the only points scored in the second half as the defenses took over and dominated the rest of the game.

Jason Gibson led the offense with 15 carries for 65 yards and two TDs.

But this win did not come easy, as

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It is never too late to honor a champ, and that is what Eric Spencer (top photo, center) is, after scoring a victory at the recently-staged 2002 City Championship Golf Classic. Spencer was the medalist in the Canton Township Championship Flight. At the right of the champ is John Gabossi, who finished runners-up, while Woody Breish strolled off the course with the third place trophy. In the photo at the left, Tom Gibbons (at far left) finished second to champ Mike Hodge (not available at time of photo), while Terry Castillo was third in the Westland Second flight.

Antieu cards 69 to top First Flight field

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Shooting her best round of the season, Brighton's Jan Antieu fired a three-under-par 69 at Link of Lake Erie on Saturday to top the field of golfers in the Woman's Suburban Golf Association.

However, Antieu had to hold off rallying Lil Vandebroeker who kept the pressure on the Brighton golfer right down to the final hole. Vandebroeker checked in with an enviable two-under-par 70 to finish second in the First Flight, Low

Net competition.

In the meantime, Redford's Nancy Wilkie coasted to a five stroke victory over competitor Ginny Karolak to take the First Flight, Low Gross honors. Wilkie posted an 82 which stood up as the best score in the division.

Westland's Fran Whitlark stood atop of the field in the Second Flight, Low Gross competition as she toured Link of Lake Erie with a 91. There was a two-way tie for second place as Wayne's Mary Allen and Farmington Hills' Joy DeFranco shared runners-up honors.

In the Low Net battle, Dolly Vettese set the pace and finished strong with a 67. The Northville golfer received little opposition from Southfield's Carol Farwell and Toni Tront. The two tied for second with identical 74's.

In the Third Flight, Rae Wenshall posted a two-stroke victory, 99-101, over Lon Wilson to capture the gold in the Low Gross Class, while Westland's Mary Cunningham edged Dearborn Heights' Mary Cunningham by one stroke 70-71, to win the Low Net competition.

Who will replace Harrison as the next W-L superpower?

With defending champ Farmington Hills Harrison moving out of the Western Lakes Conference and into the Oakland Activities Conference, there will be a new Western Lakes Conference champ crowned at the end of the 2002 football season.

But who will inherit the Western Lakes Conference's crown and become the next superpower? Coaches can only speculate at this time.

The names of Plymouth-Canton and Walled Lake Western are being tossed around prominently, with a few of the conference coaches mentioning Westland John Glenn as a possible heir-apparent to Harrison's throne, a school that has dominated the conference and captured nearly a dozen state titles over the past 15 years.

Harrison, joined by North Farmington and Farmington, has decided to leave the Western Lakes to compete against its Oakland County peers. The unexpected move by the Farmington schools forced the Western Lakes schools to revamp the conference and to invite others to fill the vacancies. Wayne Memorial jumped at the opportunity to join the Western Lakes, and Plymouth-Canton, along with Walled Lake officials have also decided to put their third high schools in the Western Lakes. But the two latter schools will not have varsity teams this season, so instead of two six-team divisions, the Western Lakes reportedly will combine the two into one division for the present time. Although

they have played their natural rival, John Glenn, in the past as a non-conference game, this year the Wayne Memorial-John Glenn encounter will have the added significance of a conference game, a first-time ever event.

Also, the Rockets will be playing Livonia Franklin, ending a scheduling drought between the two W-L schools who have not played each other for nearly a dozen years.

Glenn, the Lakes Division champ a year ago, lost the conference title to Harrison (Harrison went on to win the state title) in 2001. The Rockets will launch the 2002 season at 4 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 29, at Detroit Kettering.

Fans should take note that because Kettering is in the midst of a massive construction program, its football stadium bleachers may not be ready on opening day, so those fans planning to attend the game are urged to consider alternative seating arrangements.

Barring injuries, the Westlanders should have one of the more productive offensive backfields in the area as Coach Chuck Gordon will have returning to his lineup All-Area quarterback Brian Ceckiewicz and All-Area junior runningback DeAnthony Granberry.

Ceckiewicz, a senior, has two years of varsity experience behind him, and the potential talent to lead the Rockets to another conference

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Can new coach lead Vikings to a winning season?

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

The future of Inkster High's football fortunes has been placed in a new coach's hands.

Craig James, former varsity head football coach at Woodhaven High School, was confirmed last week by newly-appointed CEO of the school district, W. Howard Morris, as the

new head football coach at Inkster High School.

More than 40 players greeted the new head coach on the first day of practice. That number represents one of the largest groups to report to football camp at Inkster in recent years.

"I am looking forward to this

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Tough schedule for tough Vikings is what champs want

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

A tough schedule, including their first-ever girls' basketball tournament, await Coach Dave Mann and the Inkster Vikings for starters of the 2002 season.

"We have all of our players back from a year ago," says Mann, "but it isn't going to be easy for us. We have a tough schedule and also this year our opponents know who we are what we are all about. They will be awaiting for us."

To refresh your memory, Inkster had a phenomenal 2001 season. They won 20 of their 21 games. The Vikings' only loss was to Detroit Benedictine in the finals of the dis-

trict Class C playoffs, and the Ravens went on to capture the Class C state championship. Incidentally, four of the members of the state basketball championship team were former members of a team that Mann had coached.

Mann and the Vikings will start the 2002 campaign at home as host to their own tournament. They have invited cross-town rival, Robichaud, Detroit Redford, and Pershing to compete in this inaugural Inkster Invitational.

The first round, scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 27, will pit Pershing against Redford, and the second game has the host taking on Robichaud at 8 p.m. The championship will be decided the following

night at 8 p.m. There is a 6:30 p.m. consolation round.

The Vikings will be on the road after the Labor Day holiday. They will travel to Kalamazoo Central on Sept. 3 for a non-conference game.

Inkster managed to string together 20-consecutive victories, including back-to-back triumphs over defending Mega Conference, Red Division champ, Belleville, to set a school record and also win their first-ever girls' basketball championship. Mann's championship team remains intact, and the Vikings obviously will be the team to beat in the top tier of the Mega Conference this year until someone proves otherwise.

"It's no secret they will want a part of us. We know it and these girls

know it. We're working hard to avoid that."

Returning for her senior year is 5-8 forward Laelah Gawee, the Vikings' leading scorer a year ago. Inkster's playmakers, 5-6 senior guard Khadrian Murphy and 5-4 senior guard Brittany Evans have three years of varsity experience. They will have charge of the backcourt, while sharpshooter Carena Easley, a 5-9 junior forward, and sophomore Keisha Young, at 5-10, will attract a lot of attention at center.

Mann also has an excellent bench on hand to supply his team with reinforcements. Senior Dominique Whitner, a 5-8 forward, along with juniors Evelyn Health, (5-4, guard), Tiffany Smith (5-8, for-

ward), and Sophia Wilks (5-8, forward) have seen plenty of action and are capable of stepping in at any time to get the job done. Two other sophomores should play prominent roles during the 2002 campaign. They are Darlene Glass, a 5-5 guard, and Jessica Jones, a 5-8 center.

To repeat as conference champs, Mann and his Vikings must again get past Belleville, a team that has always produced contenders, thanks to the efforts of Coach Keith Edwards. Belleville lost to Inkster by three and four point margins in the final seconds of their classic battles a year ago.

"They have a lot of talent over there," said Mann of Belleville. "Al-

so, this division has plenty of balance."

Along with Belleville, the defending champs will have to face a much improved Monroe and a Wyandotte which gave the Vikings a fight to the end in both of their 2001 games. In place of Dearborn and Taylor Truman, which have been moved to the White Division, the Red Division also will include Trenton and Southgate Anderson.

To prepare for the upcoming Red Division wars, Mann has scrimmaged some of the best in Class A this summer.

"We played a lot against Canton and Salem this summer," said Mann. "It was an excellent experience for us."

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Borthers later pointed out

The reigning conference champion Lions had their offensive unit challenged by the Twisters' stubborn defense which held steadfast-continually throughout the second half. The Twisters' secondary proved to be more than the Lions' passing game could untangle.

The Lions completed three of 14 passes, while also committing two interceptions. One of those picks went to defensive half Shaun Blackmon, who pulled down the ball on a fourth and goal at the Twisters' eight-yard line. That interception definitely killed a Lions' TD threat.

The other interception was by defensive back Rich Peoples in the closing seconds of the game which secured the victory for the Twisters.

Outstanding defensive performances also were turned in by defensive tackle Earl Sutton and Richardson Lacy as they shared a total of nine tackles and a sack. Linebacker Kevin Smith, of Canton Township, and Brian Wright, of Ypsilanti, Aaron Brothers, also of Canton, and Chuck Lauber, of Westland, along with defensive back Ray Fleming, of Ann Arbor, teamed up with Peoples for a grand total of 37 tackles.

Brothers and Wright also managed to sneak past the Lions' line to block a pair of punts.

"This was a very important game for our team," said Brothers. "Many believed that the Lions were going to put an end to our winning streak. And they almost did. But 'almost' doesn't count in this business."

Brothers commended the dedication and valor displayed by the Twisters each week during the first six-weeks of the campaign.



They are golf champs, too!

Perennial City Championship Tournament title contender Mark Morton (photo above, center) failed to stop Sky McBeth from winning his second straight tournament title, but Morton was back in the winner's circle as the City of Westland's champ. In second place in the Westland Championship Flight was Al Spencer (above, at right) while Chris Kiesznowski finished third. In Canton's First Flight, Paul Massimillia captured the first place trophy while Bob Selberg was runner-up and Steve Bullock settled for the third place trophy.

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challenge," said James, who is quick to point out that he realizes there is a lot of work ahead of him and his coaching staff. Inkster has not had a winning football team in the past decade and has battled to keep out of the Mega Conference, Gold Division cellar, for years.

When it comes to coaching, James stated, his philosophy is a simple one: "My intention is not to find a star and ride him, but to take a poor player and make him average, an average player and make him good, and a good player and make him excellent."

With that in mind, James has a handful of good players returning to the roster. He'll have Brandon Dawson back at quarterback. Dawson, an all-around athlete, can run and throw the ball, and the senior QB is considered one of the best signal-callers in the Gold Division.

A 6-0, 180-pound senior, Dawson brings to the backfield three years of varsity experience with him which definitely the Vikings will need if they are to become winners this year.

Also back are Ron Perry, a 5-7, 180-pound senior who has plenty of break-away speed packed in his body.

"He is a Barry Sanders kind of runner," James notes.

In James's scheme of things - the new coach likes to use a four-receiver line-up - Dawson obviously will be the key link to success. He will have targets to shoot for.

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title. Granberry was one of the leading scorers in the area a year ago, and there is no reason why he couldn't return to that role this season.

To back up Ceckiewicz, the Rockets will have Vinnie DeLuca. DeLuca's father starred for the Rockets back in the mid-1970's.

Two other well-known athletes will provide the Glenn backfield with a wide range of weapons to use against its opponents. Senior Tony Davis and Matt Smitherman, whose brother, Dan, also was an All-Area candidate from Glenn, are being touted as among the best backs in the area this year. Time will tell.

The Sports Beat

Here's what is happening on The Sports Beat this week:

Warriors seek hoops coaches

St. Anthony's of Belleville is in need of two assistant basketball coaches for its seventh and eighth grade CYO boy's basketball program.

CYO officials say that they are looking for qualified candidates, male or female, 18 years of age or older, however, the prospective candidate presently should not be enrolled in high school. The knowledge of the rules and the fundamentals of the game is an important criteria for applying for the position. Equally important is the candidates' ability to work and communicate with boys and girls between the ages of 11 and 14.

"We are looking for individuals who have a passion for coaching and a passion for working with kids," said Head Coach Ken Phillips. "Working with kids takes time and patience. We are looking for assistant coaches with both."

For more information, or to set up an interview, contact Ken Phillips or Liz Bujak, at 734-699-7118.

Wayne offers swim classes

The Wayne Parks and Recreation is offering "Learn to Swim" classes beginning Aug. 26.

Classes will be conducted on Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday starting on Sept. 9 at the Wayne Aquatic Area.

There also will be Saturday classes beginning on Sept. 14.

There is a \$38 registration fee for residents; the fee is \$50 for non-residents. Sessions consist of eight classes of 30 to 40 minutes, depending on the age and level of ability of the participant.

To register, call the Wayne Aquatic Area at 721-2244.

PP&K contest dates are set

Wayne Parks and Recreation officials last week announced that the popular Punt, Pass and Kick Competition, for ages 8 to 15, will be held at 4 p.m. on Sept. 18 at Anderson Fields in the Attwood Park.

Players planning to compete in this year's competition may register at the Wayne Community Center, until Sept. 18.

For more information, please call 721-7400.

Romulus seeks fall softballers

Romulus Parks and Recreation officials announced that they are planning to organize two fall softball leagues this fall.

There will be a Men's Sunday Softball League which will start on Sept. 8. The league is limited to eight teams which will play 16 games. There is a \$450 registration fee, and to register or to get more information, call the Romulus Parks and Recreation Department by dialing 734-942-6852.

Also, the city also is organizing a Co-Ed Thursday Softball League. That league also will be limited two eight teams. Cost to register is \$375.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 12, 2002

Supervisor King called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: King, Payne, Budd, Herman, Jahr and Rochowiak. Absent and excused: Hart. Others in attendance: Planning and Economic Development Director Kelley, Recreation and Facilities Director Ross, Public Safety Director Elg, Water and Sewer Director Duha, Recreation Manager Morris, Deputy Public Safety Director Smolen, Executive Assistant Ireland, Secretary Cline and an audience of thirty (30).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Payne moved, Budd seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: Jahr moved, Herman seconded to open the public hearing to receive public comment on the special use request from the Visteon Corporation to construct and operate a cafeteria and dining facility, a printing, copying, and mailing facility on parcels of land in the vicinity of I-275 and Ecorse Roads. Carried.

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Supervisor King stated a third special use request for a fueling facility had been removed from consideration at the request of the applicant.

There were no additional comments or questions from the Board or the audience.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made to close the public hearing.

Herman moved, Budd seconded to close the public hearing. Carried.

MINUTES: Rochowiak moved, Jahr seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes of July 15, 2002, as presented. Carried.

Jahr moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the Executive Session Minutes of July 15, 2002, as presented. Carried.

Herman moved, Budd seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of July 16, 2002, as amended. Under "Correspondence" the first paragraph, "Township Planning Consultants, McKenna Associates representatives gave a presentation of the Public Safety Facilities Plan Report." to read "Township Planning Consultants, McKenna Associates representatives gave a presentation of the Public Safety Facilities (Location Analysis) Plan Report." Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: On Tuesday, August 27, 2002 and Wednesday, August 28, 2002 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Budget Preparation Meetings will be held in the Otisville/Sheldon room at the Township Hall.

The Downtown Development Authority Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 13, 2002 has been rescheduled for Tuesday, August 27, 2002 at 5:30 p.m.

A certificate of appreciation to the Police Department in recognition of the valuable contribution to substance abuse prevention and health and safety of the youth of Wayne County by enforcing the Michigan Youth Tobacco Act from the Knopf Company, Inc. and the Southeast Michigan Community Alliance.

A letter from the Parkwood staff thanking the Fire Department for the quick and immediate response to a recent fire incident.

A letter from a City of Belleville senior citizen thanking teen camp volunteers for the community service help at their home.

An email regarding the improvements made to Van Buren Park from a recent visitor commending the Township on a job well done.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Payne moved, Herman seconded to approve the second reading to adopt Ordinance 07-1602 to amend the Code of General Ordinances, Charter Township of Van Buren, Michigan, to add Chapter 22, Article VII, Section 22-406, Judicial Review. Roll Call Vote: Payne, Budd, Herman, Jahr, Rochowiak and King. Nays: None. Absent and excused: Hart. Carried.

*(A complete copy of the ordinance is available in the Clerk's Office, Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Rd., during business hours, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)

NEW BUSINESS: Rochowiak moved, Herman to approve the special use request from the Visteon Corporation to construct and operate a cafeteria and dining facility, a printing, copying, and mailing facility on parcels of land in the vicinity of I-275 and Ecorse Roads. Carried.

Jahr moved, Budd seconded to adopt Resolution 2002-25 "Downriver Remembers". Carried.

Payne moved, Budd seconded to adopt Resolution 2002-26 the Local Development Finance Authority appointments. Carried.

Budd moved, Payne seconded to adopt Resolution 2002-27 renaming the Van Buren Softball Field to the Gregg Brinkerhoff and Chuck Coleman Memorial Field. Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Herman seconded to adopt Resolution 2002-28 authorizing the Wayne County Drain Commission to expend money for the maintenance and repair of the Shuart Drain in the excess of \$2,500 per mile in an amount not to exceed \$100,000, to be borne by the affected freeholders and spread over a period of five (5) years with an interest rate not to exceed five percent (50%) and to amend the portion that reads "BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED" to add the line (total expense not to exceed \$100,000). Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Jahr seconded to adopt Resolution 2002-29 State Shared Revenue. Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Herman seconded to adopt Resolution 2002-30 to approve ballot language seeking up to .6 mill to be levied for a period not to exceed 20 years to fund public safety capital improvements. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Budd, Herman, Jahr, Rochowiak, Payne and King. Nays: None. Absent and excused: Hart. Carried.

Jahr moved, Rochowiak seconded to adopt Resolution 2002-31 to approve ballot language seeking replacement operating millage up to 3.4 mills to fund police, fire and emergency dispatch operations for a period of 5 years. Roll Call Vote: Herman, Jahr, Rochowiak, Payne, Budd and King. Nays: None. Absent and excused: Hart. Carried.

Herman moved, to send back to Planning Commission the first reading of Ordinance 08-12-02(l) to amend Zoning Ordinance 6-2-92, as amended to rezone parcels of land know as V-125-83-058-99-0005-000, V-125-83-058-99-0003-000, V-125-058-99-0002-000 from R1-B (Medium Density Residential) to RM (Multiple - Family) for additional information to be supplied by the Planning Commission. Motion died for lack of support.

Budd moved, Jahr seconded to deny the first reading of Ordinance 08-12-02(l) to amend Zoning Ordinance 6-2-92, as amended to rezone parcels of land know as V-125-83-058-99-0005-000, V-125-83-058-99-0003000, V-125-058-99-0002-000 from R1-B (Medium Density Residential) to RM (Multiple-Family) based on the Township Planner McKenna's letter and as recommended by the Planning Commission and to further invite the applicant to work with the Planning Commission to consider zoning classification that addresses senior housing. Carried.

Budd moved, Herman seconded to amend the contract with Al's Asphalt & Paving, that was approved at the July 2, 2002, Board Meeting to add the proposed improvements to the entrance parking for the Water & Sewer Garage at a cost not to exceed \$16,780 and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the amendment. Carried.

Jahr moved, Payne seconded to accept Wade-Trim/Associates' proposal dated July 1, 2002 to provide plans and specifications for the Ecorse Road Sanitary, Sewer Improvements from Haggerty Road to Jeremy Road in an amount not to exceed \$67,795 [and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the documents]. Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Herman seconded to approve the agreement between Ecorse/Van Buren Associates and Walden Woods L.L.C. and the Township for construction of a 30" and 36" sanitary sewer on Ecorse Road from Haggerty to Jeremy Road [and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the documents]. Carried.

Herman moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve first reading of Ordinance 08-12-02(2) to amend Zoning Ordinance 6-2-92, as amended to amend regulations pertaining to performance guarantees. Carried.

*(A synopsis of Ordinance 08-12-02(2) follow the minutes. A complete copy of the ordinance is available in the Clerk's Office, Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Rd., during business hours, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)

VOUCHER LIST: Payne moved, Budd seconded to approve the August 12, 2002 voucher list as presented. Carried.

REPORTS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: On Tuesday, August 27, 2002 and Wednesday, August 28, 2002 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Budget Preparation Meetings will be held in the Otisville/Sheldon room at the Township Hall.

The "20th Annual Midnight Cruisers Car Show" will be held on Friday, August 23rd through Sunday, August 25th at Van Buren Park.

The Recreation Department will be adding a morning Jazzercise to the Fall Recreation schedule and the Fall Recreation brochures will be mailed out the first week of September. For further information about programs or to be added to the mailing list contact the Recreation Department at 699-8921.

Director Elg stated several representatives from the Department of Public Safety along with other Police and Fire chiefs from the state will be going to Lansing to show support of State Shared Revenue.

Director Elg asked all to keep in your thoughts the families of recently slain police officers.

AIDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Payne moved, Hermn seconded to adjourn at 10:11 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk

Cindy C. King
Supervisor

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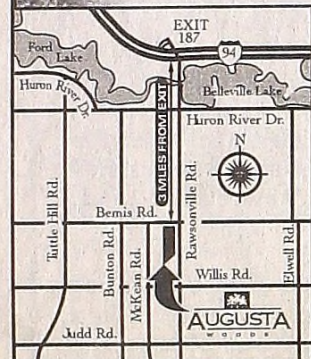
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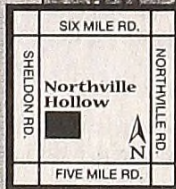
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